We will not stop fighting, say parents

AS SHE watched her daughter led away in shackles last night. Sue Woodward pledged to continue to fight for her freedom and not to leave the United States without her.

The couple were allowed to see their weeping daughter in private room in the court building immediately after sentenced was passed

They clung to each other, as both Gary and Sue Woodward assured their teenage daughter that they would continue

As they fought back their own tears, they tried to explain to a distraught Louise that the judge had offered a ray of hope that he could change the murder verdict and her life sentence when she is brought back to court next week.

Court staff said they kissed their daughter on both cheeks as armed guards fastened the manacles to her hands and ankles. Mrs Woodward said: We told her we love her and we believe in her. And I won't stop fighting for her while I have got a breath in my body. She's an innocent child. They have made a horrendous mistake, and they need to put it

Last night the Woodwards showed their anger for the first time. Mrs Woodward said: "Louise believed that, if she told the truth, justice would be done.

We put our faith in the jury, that they would be able to

WOODWARD FAMILY

that after two and a half days of obviously going through the evidence very carefully, the jury have come to this ridiculous decision. It's just unbelievable."

The Woodwards were indignant that the judge had ordered then to show no emotion as the verdict was

Nor could they comfort their daughter when she collapsed in torment just ten feet in front

Mrs Woodward said: "That was very hard. I just wanted to run over to her, to comfort her, but what could I say?" Mr Woodward said:

There's no comfort, no words. I couldn't think what to say. I've just got no, no feeling at ali. Just completely numb. They praised their daughter's legal team and expressed

their condolences to the Eappen family, calling Matthew's death "a tragedy". Mrs Woodward also condemned the televising of the "ridiculous" and said the case had been treated as a "piece of

entertainment". Throughout the trial Mr and Mrs Woodward had been convinced the Boston jury would acquit their daughter of murder, but now they live with the dread it could be 15 years before she is free. After Woodward was

as a project officer at a college of further education in Birkenhead and moved to Boston to be close to her daughter

Three times a week Mrs Woodward made the two-hour round trip to Framingham jail to take her daughter books. clothes and her favourite vegetarian dishes.

The rest of the time Mrs Woodward worked as a volunteer in the offices of the defence team while her husband, who is a builder, stayed at home in Elton, Cheshire, with their other daughter, Vicky. The immediate problem for

the family is how to fund an appeal and, if Woodward is made to serve 15 years before parole, how they can pay for her mother to stay in Boston so that she can continue her regular prison trips.

The Woodwards have conceded they are not wealthy and could not meet the court's £60,000 bail demand when their daughter was charged last February.

Yesterday, as they sat hand in hand in the front row of the public gallery, both remained impassive as Deborah and Sunil Eappen delivered their highly emotional and often damning remarks about their

Shortly before the jury reits verdict Mrs turned Woodward had recalled how she was reluctant to allow her daughter to spend her gap year before going to university working as an au pair in America.



Gary and Susan Woodward leaving court after the sentencing yesterday. "They have made a horrendous mistake," Mrs Woodward said

for children, but more that she would miss her company."I didn't want her to go. I was being selfish but you can't hold on to them for ever. I was married at her age and I didn't want people making decisions

As one of 13 grandchildren, Woodward had ample experichildren. Neighbours in Elton had no qualms about leaving their children with the softspoken, considerate teenager who was nicknamed "Loopy

"Louise is caring and loving. she could not hurt a child. She has the nicest nature of all the Mrs Woodward

Louise as a considerate, gentle teenager. At Elton Junior

David Hudson, said: "She was the type of pupil that set the tone for the remainder of the class, never presented a discipline problem and certainly was not prone to outbursts of

At Helsby High School, where Louise gained four A- levels and is remembered as a gifted musician, her headmis-tress, Elizabeth Lord, said: "The Louise we knew was a quiet, caring pupil from a stable supportive family background, who worked hard in school and was never in any

'I hope she can face what she has done and gain forgiveness'

By JOANNA BALE

THE parents of Matthew Eappen made an emotional witness-innvact statement in court before sentence was passed, to explain the effect of his death. Deborah Eappen said: "Matthew was a beautiful baby with black silky hair and rich chocolate eyes. He was a real butterball. He was so content. He made his needs known and when they were met he was happy again. "We loved this little bundle

that life looked good, that things had fallen into place after medical school and residency, and after getting settled in our new jol

"All our hopes and dreams were torn apart. We couldn't believe it.it was beyond our Matty was dying because someone we trusted had hurt

"Matty died in our arms, surrounded by family, in-cluding his loving 21-year-old brother, Brendan. Despite the tubes and IVs and surgical dressing cover-ing his head, he looked to me like a little prince. Since that



Sunil and Deborah Eappen. The mother said: "Our hearts are heavy every day"

exeruciating pain." Referring to Woodward, she said: "She didn't look scary to me. She didn't seem like a child abaser or a er or murderer. We had no idea she would harm

"I can't end without speaking for Brendan. He was so upset by someone he cared for. He had so many ques-tions. 'How can baby Mat-thew die? What is death? He would look up to the stars to say goodnight to Matty. I love you. How was it up in

"He cried and I had no will haunt me forever. 'How? What exactly happened? How long did Matty suffer?

A sobbing Sunil Eappen added: "My life, my family's life, my friends lives, have all been dramatically changed

world and the people in it with darker glasses ou.

"I feel that the jury's decimandated punishment is deserved and, despite my hatred for the actions of Louise and my current disdain for her, I really, truly hope that she can face up to what she has done, gain forgiveness and I truly hope that she may

Au pair agency already faces \$100m action over fire death

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Boston au pair agency that recruited Louise Woodward already knows the legal jeopardy that could flow from the death of the baby in her

E.F. Au Pair is currently being sued for \$100 million by the parents of another infant, who was allegedly set on fire by her Swiss au pair in 1991. Bill and Denise Fischer of the New York suburb of

Westchester claim that, despite its advertised claims of rigorous screening, the agency did not properly check the credentials of an unqualified an pair it sent them. Olivia Riner, a 20-year-old Swiss woman, was charged

with arson and second degree

murder a month after her ar-

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fires, fuelled by inflammable liquids, enguited the family home and killed the Fischers' three-month-old daughter. E.F. Au Pair paid for Miss

Riner's expensive defence team, as it did with Woodward's. Miss Riner was acquitted and returned to Switzerland as something of a heroine. She was driven through the streets of her hometown in a fire engine. Only then did it emerge that she was the daughter of a fireman.

Lawyers agree that E.F. Au Pair could face a similar claim for damages from Sunil and Deborah Eappen. The agency £460,000 bill for Woodward's legal fight, which it said it was

"truth and justice". "We are shocked and deeply disappointed with the outcome in this case." The agency added that it had yet to make up its mind whether to continue its financial support.

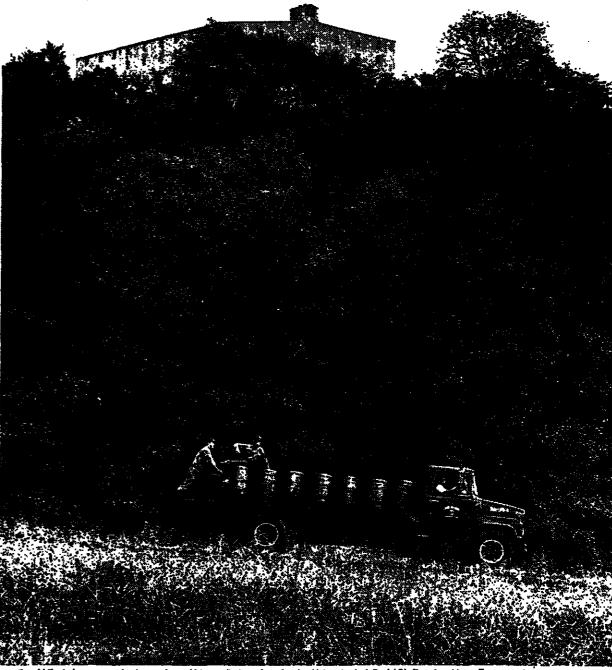
A multimillion-dollar lawsuit stemming from the other recent death involving an au pair in America was settled out of court by the Californiabased EurAupair agency for a substantial sum. Anna-Corina Peeze, then 19,

returned to The Netherlands after charges that she shook eight-week-old Brenton Scott Devonshire to death at his home outside Washington in 1994 ended in a mistrial. The baby's parents sought \$7.3 million in damages for

gence in screening au pairs. Ever since Woodward was arrested last February, recruiting agencies say that fewer English teenagers now want to go to America to work as nannies. Nearly 12,000 English-speaking nannies are in the country at any one time. Au pairs are paid £86 a

week. They are given a fourday training course, which includes childcare, when they arrive in the country before joining families. Claire Longdon, 21, from

Etwall, near Derby, who is working in Boston, said the training given was inade-quate. "It is handled all wrong. You are put on a plane, you arrive in Newark, and you are booked into a hotel for four days and sat in a room for seven hours a day for orientation. It is the last thing you



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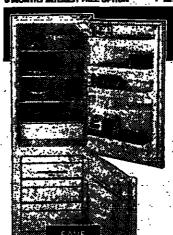
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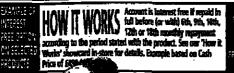
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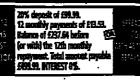
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Tears and total disbelief over guilty verdict

proclaimed Vick a member of the Methodist Church congrega-tion in Louise Woodward's home village, who has led a concerted campaign on the Internet to influence American

Residents of Elton, Cheshire, were still trying to come to terms with the enormity of the verdict yesterday, but have been buoyed by a renewed determination to campaign to reverse what they see as a miscarriage of justice.

The fight starts here. We will not stop. We will go on until we can bring Louise home," said a defiant Debbie Lalor, 36, whose daughter, Georgina, was the last child Woodward looked after before leaving for Boston.

Mr Brown, 49, a computer analyst, described the guilty verdict as the greatest travesty of justice the American and

London has been inundated

with calls from people in

upset at the verdict. Messages

left on the Internet at sites

express anger at the American

judicial system (Adam Fresco

One US contributor said: "I

wish to send a sincere apology to the people of England. I am

not proud of the American

judicial system. Unfortunate-

ly, in this country, political

careers are made with such

injustice all the time. This is a

Staff at the embassy have

asking callers to write to the

district attorney in Cambridge

black day for America."

British nations had witnessed. "By convicting her, they have wrongly sent a girl of tremendous strength, love and ability to waste away, denied her the opportunity to experience the riches of life and make a pub, served soft drink on the contribution to the goodness of house after the lipm final bell

"At the end of the day, it was about which play did you believe. The truth was of little

the world.

Americans apologise

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Yesterday's 2.45am verdict was greeted with howling screams, cries and powerful scenes of raw emotion which saw men, women and children many who had never met the 19-year-old au pair or her breaking down in sobbing fits and turning to each other in silence for

On an emotion-charged night, police were called to the Rigger pub — where dozens of

spokesman said: "None of

them has agreed with the

verdict. Some are focusing on

the justice system and some on

the Eappen family and others

say that having the trial

On the Website, the phrase

"travesty of justice" is popular. Some contributors said that

the parents were neglectful for

leaving their children in the

care of a low-paid, untrained

young woman. Many suggest-

ed that as the jury took 27

hours to decide, there must

have been reasonable doubt.

was "guilty of coming before

our [legal] system when the district attorney is coming up

One said that Woodward

televised did not help."

front of a large-screen satellite television. A local was arrested after hub caps were taken from several media porter's wallet and electronic equipment was stolen. Julie Smith, licensee of the

during a three-day vigil in

was sounded, with the parti-san crowd confident that Woodward would be free to come home any day. claimed a dumbfounded Mrs Lalor, barely able to speak as

she struggled to compose her-self. She didn't do it. She didn't do it." The total disbelief which engulfed the smoky room quickly turned to anger as a phalanx of television crews

jostled for a clear shot and contaneous reactions from Woodward's friends and supporters in the crowded bar. As Woodward's tearful pleas of innocence flashed across the big screen, there

were howls of protest as supporters demanded that the television be switched off. The barman pleaded with frazzled technicians to pull the plug as quickly as possible in their own interests. As the anger has subsided, crestfall-

en supporters have been encouraged by calls and pledges around the world. An impromptu service was held at the local Anglican church where its minister, the Rev Ken Davey, who had gone without sleep for days as he

stood with supporters, broke down in tears. Shopkeepers displayed signs in their windows protesting about Woodward's innocence while other residents wrapped giant yellow ribbons around a large fir tree in front

But perhaps the most poienant image was the heartfelt



Friends and supporters of Louise Woodward in the Cheshire village of Elton reacting with horror when the guilty verdict was broadcas

messages drawn in red crayon ten-year-old Georgina Lalor, who befriended Louise when she was her babysitter. They read: "Louise was like

my own mother."
Others included "Lord help us" and "Not guilty". Georgina will tell anybody

that Louise never hurt a hair on her head - and my daughter would test the patience of any saint," said Mrs

Well-wishers placed flowers on the window sills of the pub as one passer-by donated a kettle as a prize in a raffle to help to raise money. Elton's Louise Woodward

Appeal, which has raised more than £13,000 in the past eight months to help to meet her family's travel costs, was yesterday renamed the Louise Woodward Campaign for Justice - as a sign to demonstrate the new sense of purpose which has pervaded

Briton rejected Eappen job after Matthew's 'wild' brother bit her



A BRITISH au pair turned down a job with the Eappen family just before they employed Louise Woodward because of the "wild" behavsafety of him. I was standing iour of their other child.

Catherine Blood said that she was glad she had refused the offer. She said: "I got a strange feeling it was not right there, sort of a gut

Ms Blood, from Carlisle, said Matthew had seemed to be a "good baby", but she haviour of Brendan, now

very boisterous at the While I was there I was very concerned about the

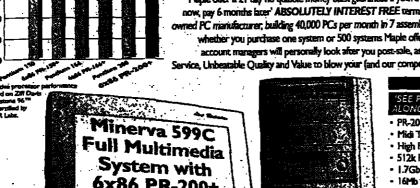
there looking around me, feeling very ill at ease. "He bit my hand — not that that was a big deal but it made me realise that he had a biting problem. He came and sat on my knee and pulled my hair. He was basically a pretty wild child. I am used to looking after difficult children, but it was

concerned that he was going to bang into something. She said the Eappens had

not appeared concerned about his behaviour, although Deborah Eappen said that the boy "could be a bit of a handful

Ms Blood said that Mr and Mrs Eappen did not appear to be concerned when she had said that she had no experience of looking after babies. Mrs Eappen had said she would show her "everything you a little bit more than just

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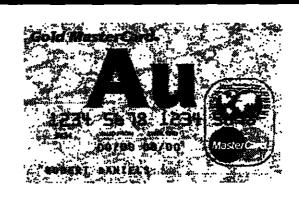


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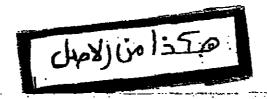
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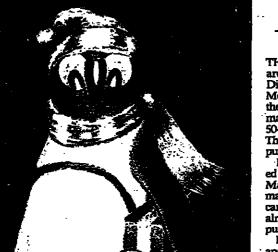
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Penguin card, made by The Print Room

How cards stack up for Diana fund

are both licensed by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. If you buy the Penguin on the left, the makers will donate £2.50 per 50-card pack costing £49.95. That is 5 per cent of the purchase price.

If, however, you are tempted by the Horseguards in the Mall, on the right, the makers will give £14.50 for 50card pack costing £58. That is almost 25 per cent of the purchase price. However, all the companies

approved by the fund compare unfavourably with many other charities. At Save the Children, 35 per cent of the purchase price of Christmas cards goes on charitable works, and at Macmillan Cancer Relief, the charity expects to take 50 per cent of the purchase price of festive cards after the deduction of production costs. A spokeswoman for the

Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund said: "Our view is that any donation is better than none at all. These were among the first Christmas card companies that approached us, we liked the cards and we agreed they could carry a message on the

Emma Wilkins

discovers that the Christmas

contributions will change

with the scenes

back saying they were donat-ing some money to us." Trustees of the fund were distressed yesterday by criti-cism that they have failed to crack down on tacky souvenir firms. The trustess, who in-clude Lady Sarah McCorquodale, the Princess's sister, have already applied to register the Princess's name as a

trademark to prevent companies from using her to make money. But Stephen Lee, director of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, said that if trustees had acted more swiftly against souvenir firms, they could have raised "millions of pounds more" than the present £12 million total.

Trustees have decided to

launch a telephone hotline so

check if souvenirs or sale are genuine. The line, which will open in the next few weeks, will give a recorded list of 15 approved items including soft toys and crystal ware. The fund is not a slick

commercial organisation but

a lasting memorial to the mother of the two Princes and decisions must be taken with care, Michael Gibbins, the Princess's former private secretary and a trustee, said.
The fund is designed to be a perpetual memory to the Princess and something of which her sons can be proud. We have to examine whether products are in good taste and come from a reputable company. We have had tens of thousands of inquiries from

all over the world. We have to

consider things with great

Some of the most tasteless

items proposed - which will not be endorsed - include Princess Diana beer, a "Bye Bye Di" car sticker from America, and plastic replicas of the Princess's engagement ring. Mr Gibbins said: "It would be lovely to stop all this rubbish but the practicalities are that you can't. If some people are going to exploit

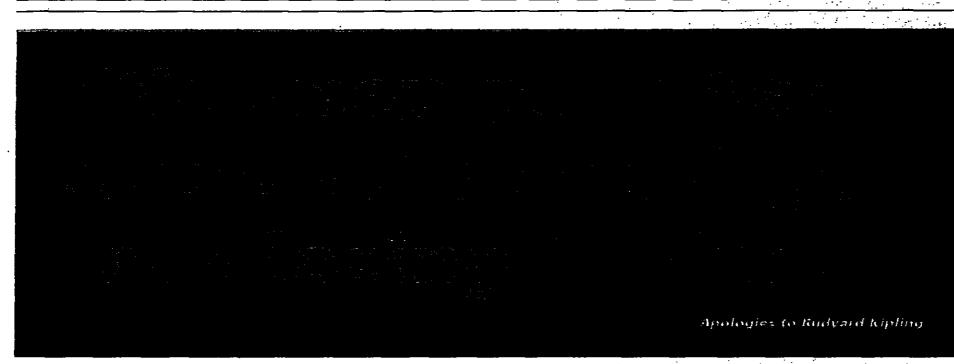
Horseguards in the Mall, made by Kingsmead Publications

this tragetly, then there is little we can do in every case." Although the trustees are entitled to take legal action against firms that are claiming to be officially endorsed, this is a hazardous route, Mr Gibbins believes. "The trustees could be heavily criticised if they started spending vast sums of donated money on

So far the fund has sent 25 solicitor's letters to companies that have claimed to be donating money to the fund. A spokeswoman for the fund said: "The letters say that this has been brought to our attention and remind them that they have pledged money

chasing people through the to us and we are awaiting

The third trustee is Anthony Julius, the Princess's solicitor. A further seven will be appointed before Christmas to consider ways of distributing the money. The fund will be £32 million after receiving John's Candle in the Wind.



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Clark cleared after rottweiler bit cameraman

By RICHARD DUCE

ALAN CLARK, the Conservative MP, was accused of impropriety by police last night after a court dismissed a claim that he kept a dangerous dog at his home in Kent.

There was no dispute that a rottweiler kept by Mr Clark and his wife at Saltwood Castle had bitten a BBC cameraman, but magistrates ruled that there was confusion about whether the animal responsible had been correctly named

in the summons. The cameraman, Peter Powell, said that a rottweiler called Hanna had launched itself at his throat and buried her teeth in his arm. But Mr Clark's wife. Jane, said "it was only a warning nip" and had, in fact, been inflicted by their other

rottweiler, Leni: Hanna is said to have been Hanna Reich, and Leni after

The chairman of the bench Court, Kenneth Laffian, said: This case involves two dogs of reasonable doubt that the dog Harmàlcáused the injuries in this case: Therefore, the complaint does not stand.

Mr Clark, 69, and his wife

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denied a summons that Hanna had not been under proper control in January when a crew filmed at Saltwood.

The court had heard that Mr Clark wrote to the Chief Constable of Kent, David Phillips, claiming that the case being brought against him had been a waste of public money, but last night a Kent police spokesman said his action was improper. He said: We have an obligation to protect the public safety and there is no doubt that a dog in Mr Clark's ownership savaged a member of the public".

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The pilot who set Cherie's course

The farsighted teacher who was a turning point in her early life

was a decorated wartime Spifire flyer, reports Andrew Pierce

THE primary schoolteacher whom Cherie Booth praised this week for changing her life is today revealed to be a decorated wartime Spittire

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Ms Booth, 43, who is one of the youngest QCs in the country, disclosed that she owed her academic success to. a farsighted teacher when she

The teacher who made such an impact on her life was Denis Smerdon, 73, who has remained a close friend ever since. Before he went into teaching, Mr Smerdon spent hundreds of hours wedged into a Spitfire cockpit over mainland Europe during the Second World War. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre for his bravery.

He was a popular and respected teacher at St Ed-mund's Roman Catholic primary school in Waterloo, Liverpool, and lived for many vears a few doors from the young Cherie and her family.

It was when her studies were affected by the break-up of the marriage of her mother. Gale, and father, Tony — the actor known for his role as the "Scouse git" in Until Death us Do Part — that Mr Smerdon made one of the most critical judgments of her life.

The Prime Minister's wife disclosed why when she accepted an invitation this week to write about the defining moment of her life to mark the 25th anniversary of the Dys-

She wrote: "I had a fairly uneventful childhood until the age of nine, when my parents split up. This was fairly unusual in those days, particularly in my school, which was a Catholic one. I started not paying attention to my

"But I was lucky. I had a farsighted schoolteacher who suggested to my mother that I needed a challenge and should be moved up a year in school. This proved to be a great success and I often think that I owed my later success to

Mr Smerdon, who taught the fourth form at St Edmund's persuaded Gale



Cherie Booth, at school in the 1970s, and Norah O'Shaughnessey, who taught her in the first year at St Edmund's primary school, Liverpool, below



Booth, who had gone to work in a fish and chip shop to make ends meet, that Cherie should skip the school third year and move straight into his senior class. She never

Smerdon, a flying officer who flew 130 sorties with Belgian airmen attached to the Kentbased 349 Squadron, strafed enemy gust emplacements in mainland Europe and escorted bombers and reconnaisance missions. He was known as Biggles at the

After he left the RAF in 1948 he moved into teaching and remained at St Edmund's until he retired 15 years ago.

Mr Smerdon, a grandfather, regularly talked to the school-

children about his wartime experiences. He has remained in regular contact with Ms Booth and her mother, who now lives in During the last war Mr Oxford. His four children played with Cherie and her

ister, Lyndsey. Downing Street intervened yesterday to ask Mr Smerdon not to discuss the matter further. But his wife, Molly, said: "Denis was a magical teacher. What he did for Cherie was typical. He helped

hundreds of children. We have remained friends with her ever since. We were friends with her mother and

her grandmother. We spoke

to Cherie yesterday. We are very proud of her.

Our children played with Cherie when they were child-ren. We go back for years. It was very nice what she said about Denis.

"But it is the sort of thing he would have done for anyone's child. He has always loved children, he loved teaching, and music."

Mr Smerdon, a talented singer who was narrowly beaten by Topol for the lead role in Fiddler on the Roof. speaks regularly to Ms Booth on the telephone. One of her other teachers at

St Edmund's also recalled with pride her contribution to the school. Norah O'Shaughnessey, 78, who taught her in the first year of primary school, said: "She was one of the brightest pupils we ever had. She excelled at everything except art. She was a lovely little soul. Denis Smerdon

wonderful teacher to all the children. He was a real father figure. He always took a keen interest in the background of the children and would have done anything he could to help. He was always involved with the parents. Everyone knew that Cherie's father was a farnous actor. Teachers would have rallied round if something went wrong with

the marriage.
"We all take pride in her achievements, It is so nice to think that it was St Edmund's which put her on the road to

After St Edmund's, Ms Booth went on to Seafield Grammar School, which is now the Sacred Heart High School. She returned to the school before the election on speech day. She has yet to return to the junior school. Miss O'Shaughnessey said: "We would love to see her again. She is our star pupil." Mis Booth later studied at

the London School of Economics, where she gained a first in law. She was called to the Bar in 1976 and became a QC in 1995 at the age of 40.

Mrs Smerdon said: "We

don't want to make any fuss. ... to form a northern branch in We have kept in touch over



the years and wish her well." Mr Smerdon is a member of the Spitfire Society and pays tribute to the plane, which he calls the Queen of Aircraft. Since his retirement he has devoted much of his time to the society and helped 1988 with more than a hun-

dred veterans. The society is now a charity which gives bursaries and awards to students in the field of aviation.

academics, students and business leaders what made her home city so special: "Liver-pool is made famous by its Ms Booth's parents were people. Speaking as the reunited in the summer when daughter of a 'Scouse git', I she was made an honorary fellow of Liverpool John can say that the people are Moores University. She has genuinely kind, generous and

them and told the audience of

Oxford Blue gets year in iail for sex assault

By JOANNA BALE

THE legal career of an Oxford University golfing Blue was in ruins yesterday when he was jailed for sexually assaulting a female student.

After an evening of heavy drinking. Richard Weaver. who had hoped to become a solicitor, staggered around students' roums in Exeter College. Oxford, before climbing into his sleeping victim's bed and groping her breasts. Oxford Crown Court was told.

Peter Digney, for the prose-cution, said Weaver visited six rooms, including two others occupied by women, where he stared at their breasts. The obvious inference was that he was looking for a young lady to have something of a sexual nature with."

When a night porter who saw him staggering around the college tried to eject him. Weaver escaped by climbing on to a paraper. He then made his way to his victim's room. where he got into her bed. indecently assaulted her and wrapped his legs round her as

she tried to escape. Another student, Jonathan Young, asleep in another part of the room, awoke and tackled Weaver. He was marched from the college by the junior dean at 3.30am. Guy Mans-field, the Recorder, jailed him for a year after being told that the victim was still traumatised.
"I am satisfied you are not a

persistent sexual offender," he said. "But young women must be protected from drunken behaviour which leads to aggressive sexual demands. This is a disaster for you.

but it is also a disaster for the victim. Not only is your career ruined and your life in tatters: her life has been damaged." Weaver, 22, of Bourne End.

Buckinghamshire, admitted indecent assault on May 29 and no action was taken on a charge of burglary with intent to rape, which he denied.

Adrian Higgins, for the defence, said Weaver was

horrified by his behaviour. adding: "He was expected to be a high flyer and will be destroyed

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Shoot-out on Wall Street



6The 1980s was the era of the Big Swinging Dick. In the sophisticated 1990s, it wasn't enough for a Big Dick to swing; he had to shoot, too . . . 9

Frank Partnoy, a former New York trader, reveals the shocking side of high finance in an exclusive extract from his new book F.I.A.S.C.O. News Review, The Sunday Times, tomorrow

Charities attack 'hypocrisy' on cold weather payments

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHARITIES representing the elderly joined opposition parties yesterday in accusing the complexity and uncertainty of the scheme without ensuring that the payments went to Government of hypocrisy over those with the greatest need its decision not to alter cold for additional heating," he told weather payments to take into account the wind-chill factor. the Today programme. The Government's decision They said II MPs who were

now ministers backed a Commons resolution last year pro-posing that wind chill should be considered when assessing after Labour MPs attacked the payments. John Denham, the Social Security Minister, defended the Government's position, claiming that other pensioners would lose out if the payments were changed. Mr Denham said old people would be better off because of the recent cut in VAT on fuel and the abolition of the gas levy. This Government is greatly committed to help the concerns of old people and it is clear that nobody is going to be worse off," he said. "Allowing for the effects of wind speed would increase the

was taken after a new report into the effect of wind speed on heating needs. The report was commissioned last January

system under which payments were triggered if temperatures fell, or were predicted to fall.

But Help the Aged yesterday said it was "extremely disappointed" with the Government's announcement. It said: "John Denham's statement that lowering the VAT rate on fuel and the levy on gas would help pensioners is mistaken as the gains will amount to mere pence, the poorest gaining the least." Age Concern said the decision was "a blow and a disappointment" for the elderly. The

MPs who signed the Early Day Motion last November included Keith Bradley, now Social Security Minister, Joyce Quin, Home Office Minister, Richard Caborn, Environment and Transport Minister, and Angela Eagle, Environ-ment and Transport Minister. Downing Street sources said that the MPs had then been backbenchers and had not been bound by the Govern-

ment's stance.
David McLetchie, vice-chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, branded the move "hypocrisy" and demanded an apology from Rendel MP, the Liberal Democrat social security spokesman, said: "It is false economy to scrimp and save over keeping Britain's pensioners warm during the winter. The refusal to boost cold weather payments will force elderly people into hospitals."



Chasing fame: Maggie Johnson-Myers training for the triathlon world championships in Perth next month with a pack of 30 bloodhounds. "It's like being a fugitive and you do panic a bit," said the athlete from Hanley Castle, Hereford and Worcestershire. "But when they catch up, all they do is wag their tails, jump up and lick your face"

Human rights plan 'may hit press freedom'

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government will come ing vigorously that the legislaunder renewed pressure next week to ensure that new legislation does not curb press freedom. Ministers are being urged to make clear in Parliament that the Human Rights Bill, which will incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, is not intended to restrict

media activity. The Bill, which has its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Monday, will give every individual, the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence". Although it will also guarantee the right to freedom of expression, there are fears that it could provoke cases from individuals under niedia scrutiny.

Lawyers have warned that judgments in favour of such litigants could lead effectively to a privacy law. Media induslobbying the Home Office for an amendment exempting the press, or a ministerial state-ment explaining that journalists are not an intended target.

The Government is highly unlikely to agree to an amendment. However, it will seek to reassure the media, by argu-

tion should not have an adverse impact on press freedom.

Santha Rasaiah, head of legal and editorial affairs at the Newspaper Society, said: "It may well be a question for the courts' interpretation, therefore it would be helpful to have a statement in Parliament to reinforce that."

heightened by imminent changes to data protection laws, which the Government must introduce to comply with a European directive.

A new Act is planned which will give individuals greater access to information held about them. For the first time, the law will cover non-computerised records, as well as giving people the right to

mation about them and why. or to block publication. Discussions are continuing with the Home Office over the possibility of a clause exempting the press from the Act.





Cleopatra's city rises from harbour floor



Cleopatra: preferred death to humiliation in Rome

Michael Murphy sees Alexandria surrender its underwater secrets

THERE is, truth to tell, little enough to see. The eye does not easily penetrate the murky waters of Alexandria's Eastern Harbour, and not at all on a day when squalls and driving rain send all sensible residents diving for cover.

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But 20ft beneath the water's choppy surface another world is gradually being revealed, a world of ancient glories whose secrets are being unlocked by the applications of science.

For four months each year, when conditions are best suited, Franck Goddio, the founder of the Paris-based European Institute for Underwater Archaeology, has been exploring for remains of the Egyptian city founded in 332 BC by Alexander the Great to become the cultural capital of a world enlarged by his conquests.

A year ago M Goddio, 50, revealed his plans for the city under the sea, the long-suspected but never quite confirmed Royal Quarter. This is where Antony and Cleopatra held court, where Cleopatra killed herself rather than be taken in chains to Rome.

"The importance of Goddio's work cannot be overestimated," says Professor Fawzi el-Fakharani, of the University of Alexandria, who supervises the archaeological aspects of the exploration. "Alexandria was the hub of civilisation at a crucial period in history, and today it is all

buildings. M Goddio's discoveries have confirmed that the majority of the Royal Quarter was built out into what is now the Harbour. We have the

The harbour-floor pictures on the monitor of the research vessel Oceanex were sharp and clear — here a row of fallen columns, there a small sphinx, then a block with an inscription in Greek, and a granite statue head thought to

be Mark Antony.

The multinational team of divers and Egyptian archaeol-ogists has worked this entire season on the 350-yard-long ancient island of Antirrhodos, with the Oceanex swinging with the tides but tethered directly above the concentration of the work, just 500 yards



Franck Goddio admires a perfectly preserved sphinx

off the famous old Cecil Hotel. We are very excited by what we have found," said M Goddio. "We have been able to confirm what Strabo said that Antirrhodos was the only natural island in the harbour and that it was completely paved in limestone blocks.

"Not only that, but it was covered with buildings. Alto-gether we have been able to identify and clean 1,065 stone pieces - statues, sphinxes. column drums, bases and capitals, many with inscriptions, which were tumbled

when the city was destroyed by a series of earthquakes and a tidal wave in about AD365." M Goddio's decision to go beyond surveying into excavation this season - he has

"dug" in four areas on the ancient island and two on the former shoreline — is a brave one. He has his detractors in the archaeological establishment, and has been described as no more than a modern-day pirate or treasure-hunter. It is an accusation that

makes him smile. "I live for this work," he responds.

"Sure, I could make a lot of contention for the archaeologimoney by selling the beautiful objects I find. But I don't. I

respect the local laws. It took me ten years to research this Alexandria site, and at least another 18 months to persuade all the authorities to let me dive ... but at the end of it all the objects I find will stay where they are. If we remove any one of them, we lose the context of where it originally lay and another clue to the history we are trying to find will be gone."

cal purist is his actual method of excavation. Not for M Goddio the painstaking scraping away at the earth with a small diamond-shaped trowel or a toothbrush. He uses more direct methods, and specifical-

ly a suction hose. It carries

is virgin sand. But when I get down to the detailed work the hose gets smaller and smaller. In the hands of our skilled divers it can be used to swish away the sand from around a piece of papyrus the size of your thumbnail without touching it."

enormous potential for throw-ing out the baby with the His discoveries are remarkable. At the northeastern tip of the island, for instance, right bathwater. "When we have a at the harbour entrance, he modern sand dune over a was astonished to find a explains M Goddio. double row of pine posts. 'yes, I feel confident in using a 10in hose. After all, I know full upright in the ground, the well that what I'm sucking up

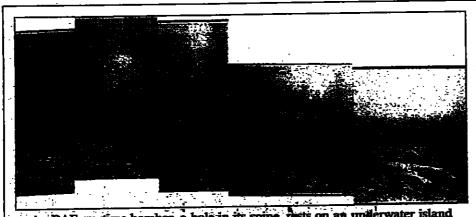
planks of elm - not a native rree, and probably from Ana-tolia — clearly placed to act as a coffer dam and foundation for heavier-weight material. Carbon-14 dating of sam-

Possible tombs of Antony and

oles of the wood at the University of Grenoble has revealed dates of the fifth century BC but some pieces range back to the seventh. In other words, these wooden supports were there long before Alexander and probably form part of the ancient Egyptian village of Rhakotis on which Alexander's dream was

This was the most important city in antiquity," said Professor Manfred Clauss, of the Johan Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt. "It's only rivals were Rome and perhaps fourth-century Istanbul."

Further explorations are being carried out. "There is much more to come, perhaps next year," M Goddio prom-There are probably more remains under the water than there are on land, even in



An RAF wartime bomber, a hole in its spine, rests on an uniferwater island

BOMBER CAME DOWN IN ANCIENT WAR ZONE Bristol, probably a Beaufort torpedo-bomber

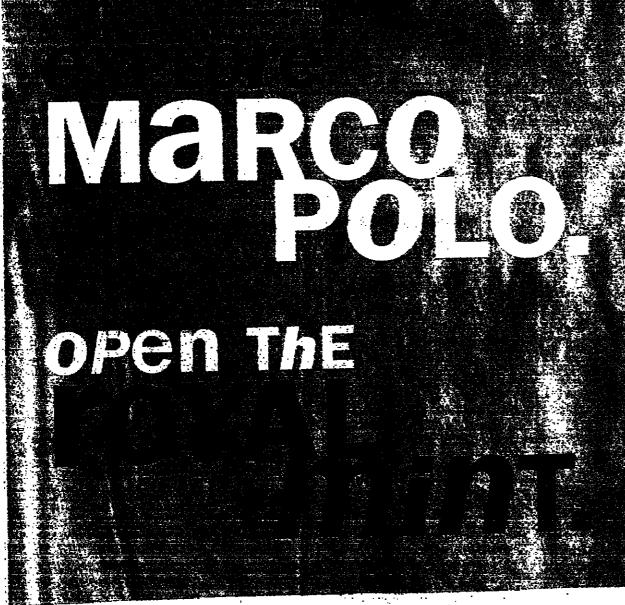
ONE unexpected find was the remains of a Royal Air Force aircraft, sitting virtually intact on the harbour bottom, its left wing and wheel resting on Antirrhodos island just inches from ancient column drums (Michael Murphy writes). "We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw

it on the monitor as we trawled our side-scan sonar from the catamaran Kaimiloa," said Gérard Schnapp, a scientist who has trans-ferred his loyalty from the French equivalent of the Atomic Energy Authority to seek-out undersea remains for Franck Goddio. "We sent divers down immediately." :

— 60ft long — — with a gaping hole in its spine. No identifying code numbers remain. but locals recall such an aircraft going down in October or November 1942. At that time Beauforts based in Malta and

the Western Desert were playing a crucial role in the Battle of El Alamein by harrying Rommel's supply ships from Crete. There are no human remains on board," said M Goddio, "and it is an astonishing thought that today's science can pinpoint evidence that the area was still being fought over 2,000 lears after the Battle of Actium removed What they found is a two-engined RAF. Cleopatra from the thome.

Egypt.
The secret is in having the patience to carry out the research before you dive."

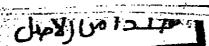


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Schools join up for a writing revival

David Charter reports on how the word has spread from infant school that found the old way was best



The learner: a Herne Bay six-year-old shows his command of joined-up writing

chools are demanding copies of a research which is claimed to give four-year-olds a head start in life: it is called joinedup handwriting. The report for the Teacher

Training Agency describes a system used with spectacular success in a Kent infants' school, based on le graphisme. the French system of teaching handwriting. Trainee teachers in France spend 60 hours learning how to teach handwriting, British teachers say they spend one hour in their

as, author of the research at Herne Infant School in Herne Bay, said that parents and other schools had been amazed to find her class of five-year-olds happily using joined-up writing, while most children of the same age could barely write two letters together on a line.

So many teachers, researchers and graphologists want to visit the school that it has had to schedule special viewing days. "We have been inundated with secondary schools who have said the children coming in from junior schools are writing so badly it means they

lack speed for their GCSE scripts," she said. The research began when she received a letter from a French six-year-old and marvelling at the child's advanced handwriting. In research funded by the Teacher Train-

ing Agency, she visited teachers across the Channel and adapted le graphisme to her own classroom. The children spend their first 12 weeks at school intensively cutting, folding, tearing, using Plasticine and develop-

ing their finger skills. They are

then taught basic letter shapes

in joined script, writing "a" not

Master of the craft: Brian Walker at work. He says: "If children can write fluently, they have the tools to communicate effectively" in the usual printed, or "ball and stick", construction expected of infants, but by flowing through the downstroke without taking the pencil off the paper.

Once they have learned c. a, t in this way, they can begin to form words and they write

on lines from four years old." said Mrs Thomas. "We have mature. There is also some evidence that, if you have learned good handwriting ear-ly on, it helps your spelling." compared their work with what happened before, and By the time children leave the quality of their creative thinking has improved imaged seven for junior school, all of them, including those with learning difficulties and measurably. They punctuate

> ently. "We think presentation affects children's self-esteem and special-needs children benefit enormously," she said. "Handwriting is not taught in many schools, it is picked up by osmosis. Many infant schools do 'emergent writing' - they allow children to make

marks supposed to represent their thoughts, and read it back to the teacher. This is reinforcing incorrect forma-tion of letters in the magic of creativity. If you teat a print

special needs, are writing flu-

The problem than the latter th

Brian Walker, a fellow of the

Calligraphy and Lettering Arts Society and former head teacher, said the method could ensure handwriting's ability to survive in the face of growing pressure to teach keyboard skills: "New technology is very powerful, but I think there will always be a need to communicate by hand in schools. If young children can write flu-ently, legibly and quickly, they will have the tools necessary to

communicate effectively."

Until 1916, children were talight copperplate style as soon as they picked up pencils. However, the printed method was then introduced so their whiting would resemble more closely what they read in

first, you have got to relearn it textbooks. Predictions of the demise of handwriting have been made often during the past 100 years, with the arrival of the typewriter, the telephone and now computers.

Hatfield, each girl has a laptop computer for all lessons, and its principal, Clarissa Farr, has predicted that handwriting will become a specialist activity, "as rarefied as medieval illuminated script".

However, Mrs Thomas and Mr Walker are agreed that the call in the national curriculum for good handwriting, with extra marks awarded in the tests for seven and 11-yearolds, have helped to revive interest in the skill.



You are strapped in a wheel chair to stop you falling out. You are unable to move

your legs, your body, your arms, your hands or your head. You can't move any

of your facial muscles. You can't swallow so that saliva runs unchecked down

your chin. You hear a buzzing: a wasp lands on your cheek. It crawls across

your cheek and up the side of your nose. Now you feel it slowly moving down

the corner of your mouth. It

continues to move up the side of

your face towards your nostrils.

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The level of exhaust pollution during April, May and

er than in the same quarter 1992, before catalysts were

Martin Maeso, AA head of environmental policy, said: "Although vehicle usage has increased in the last five years, are not, as the environmental lobby would have us believe, try's air quality problems." The AA said that buses and lorries pumped out proportionally more poliutants than cars, yet were not the focus of government attention

Roger Higman, of Friends of the Earth, said: "Government health standards are still being broken and will continue to be until we see reductions in the level of traffic."

Lift-test tower is new listed building

By JOHN SHAW

A CONCRETE tower, used for testing lifts and erected only 15 years ago, became the newest listed building in Britain

yesterday.
The 416ft Express Lifts tower in Weeden Road, North-ampton, received Grade II listing by the Government on the advice of English Heritage after a request from Northampton council. It followed the takeover of Express by Ous Lifts, which is closing the site and selling it for redevel-

Officials feared that the tower might be demolished, but English Heritage included it as a unique structure "important as a demonstration of the importance of lift technol-ogy to modern tall-building construction. It is also a significant local landmark.".

The tower is higher than Salisbury Cathedral — 404ft and is the only testing tower

The structure houses three shafts used for testing highspeed, hydraulic and mediumstaircases, one the full height of the building, and a laboratory and other offices.

The upper part of the tower has a distinctive jagged shape with pierced openings and bracings to reduce wind resistance. There is an observation room at the top which overlooks the surrounding countryside.

The tower was built to the designs of Stimpson and Walton, with the Michael Barclay neers, in 1980-1982.

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Grouse experiment to allow birds of prey to breed whom in gestates has seen a catagrophic decline in grouse. The 12000-acre Langholm Meor, in the Borders, which moor unviable, The TIMES SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 1979. A FIVE-YEAR experiment to allow birds of prey to breed without interference on one of Scotland's best-known sporting estates has seen a catagrophic decline in grouse. The 12000-acre Langholm Meor, in the Borders, which moor unviable, The 12000-acre Langholm Meor, in the Borders, which moor unviable, The 12000-acre Langholm Meor, in the Borders, which langholm had redumently 50 per cent s' sheep.

Moor, in the Borders, which once boasted grouse bags of hore than 4,000 a year, recorded fewer than 100 in 1996. In August only 51 grouse were shot, rendering it unviable as a commercial moor, The Earl of Dalkeith, who

offered the moor in 1992 for use in a joint experiment conducted by conservation bodies, admitted yesterday that the result left him "in a complete hole". Maintaining the estate, with its five game-keepers, costs him nearly £100,000 a year. But without enough birds to attract shooters, he faces the prospect of having to abandon a grouse moor whose records date from the First World War. 🗦 He has given the conserva-

tion groups until February to come up with a solution, which could include changing the law to allow the culling of the hen harriers and peregrine falcons that prey on grouse.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, one of the groups involved, now has to decide whether to support such a move. Dame Barbara Young, its chief executive, said she would work with shooting interests and land managers. but added that it was unlikely

writes Magnus Linklater

the society would ever accept that hen harriers, which it considered an endangered species, could be legally shot. A 148-page report on the

experiment, which cost £500,000 to prepare, is one of the most detailed scientific studies carried out on grouse and birds of prey. Garnekeepers on the estate, who traditionally regard harriers and peregrine as a threat to grouse, co-operated in protecting their nests and their young from collectors or illegal killers. Their numbers grew steadily: the harriers from two to 14 breeding females and peregrine from three to six pairs during the five-year

At the same time, grouse numbers declined. In the last two years of the study, when bird of prey numbers were highest, they removed about 30 per cent of grouse in the winter, 30 per cent of the potential breeding stock in

nearly 50 per cent since the war, because of sheep-grazing. but said that this was not the reason for the grouse's decline. However, harriers killed more grouse in areas where there was a mixture of heather and grass than when the hills were covered with heather

Heritage, announced the creation of a joint working group to examine the way ahead for grouse moors. Good land management meant not only preserving the heather uplands of Scotland but providing employment, he said.

Among the possible options

Later, Magnus Magnusson, chairman of Scottish Natural

he outlined were the legal killing of birds of prey; moving them from one area to another; or introducing golden eagles, which keep harrier



A peregrine falcon and chicks: the number of breeding pairs on Langholm Moor doubled over five years

THE OWNER

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Richard Dalkeith, who owns Langholin Moor, says that the report established the link between high numbers of raptors and declining grouse. He hopes that environmental bodies fund a solution, but said that his offer of the moor as a wildlife experiment could not be openended. He set the deadline for finding a way to re-establish Langhoim as a moor for driven grouse - "or we all walk away the losers".

THE RSPB

The society has agreed to talks on all options, including controlling raptors by or moving them away. But Barbara Young. its chief executive, said that it would have to be convinced that damage was being done. that every alternative to lethal methods was explored, and that any solution was socially acceptable. Above all, she said, it must attack the cause rather

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The Game Conservancy Trust, which holds the ring between bird protectors lieves the best feature of the report is the joint commitment by all par-ties to find a solution. general, said that the agreement to consider all alternatives, in-cluding the trust's favoured option of moving birds of prey to brilliant". He welcomed the degree of urgency that Lord Dalkeith had

HERITAGE

Red grouse: decline has made Langholm unviable

Scottish Natural Heritage, which is responsible to the Scottish Office, believes that the plight of Scotland's heather uplands demands a change in the nature of land subsidy. A policy of supshould replace the present subsidy arrange ments, which have maintained sheep on hills long after they have ceased to be profitable. This would mean switching resources to land management instead of hill-

Catholic leader · attacks Blair's 'condom society'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

CARDINAL Thomas Winming, leader of Scotland's Roman Catholics, yesterday attacked Labour's Britain as "a condom society" in which people were used up and

thrown away.

Cardinal Winning accused the Prime Minister of failing to live up to his pledges to promote family values and education and claimed that the Government was pandering to the "permissive society" and that broken pre-election promises had left the country in a "moral mess". He attacked the Government's decision to introduce tuition fees

for university students. He said: "A succession of moves by the new Government seems to contradict Mr Blair's assertion that every piece of legislation is to be tested for its effect on the family." He said that moves to lower the age of consent for homosexuals, to allow homosexuals to serve in the Armed Forces, and to offer immigration rights to unmarried and homosexual partners did nothing to strengthen the

family. The Government has said that there will be a free vote on reducing the homosexual age of consent during this parlia-mentary session. No decision has been made on permitting homosexuals to serve in the Forces. The Government is awaiting a ruling from the European Court of Human

Rights.
The cardinal said it was extraordinary that a Labour Government had introduced

tuition fees and abolished student grants with "hardly a whimper from the back benches or the country Neither policy had been in Labour's manifesto, he said.

Students now faced leaving college with a debt of more than £12,000, he said. "It is an obvious districentive. It is not going to encourage ordinary, decent, working class families to send their children for higher education."

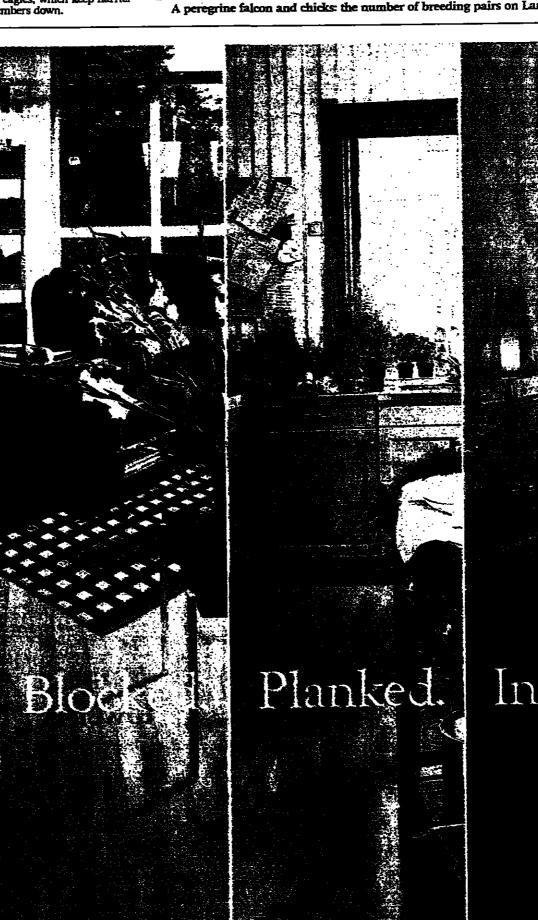
The cardinal's criticism of the Prime Minister was broadcast during BBC Radio 2's Week of Faith series. He has made previous attacks on Mr Blair, focusing on his stance on abortion.

Cardinal Winning said: "We live in a permissive society, what I would call a condom society, because we use people and then throw them away, discard them. The source of that permissiveness is the Abortion Act."

About five million unborn babies had "disappeared" since abortion was legalised in 1967, he said. The number of abortions was rising despite contraception being more

widely available. He said he sensed a changing mood in the country towards abortion. Rather than a review of the Act, what was needed was more information to allow people to see the pain an unborn child went through before "it is sucked in pieces from its mother's womb", he

Downing Street said it was not prepared to respond to the







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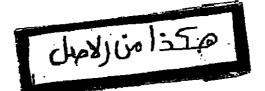
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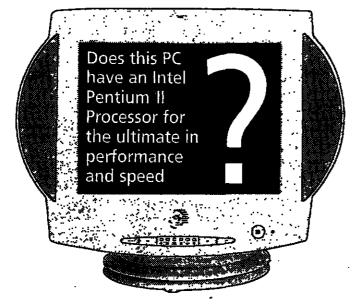
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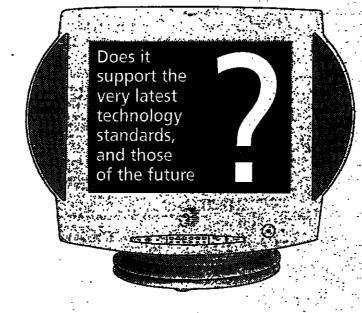
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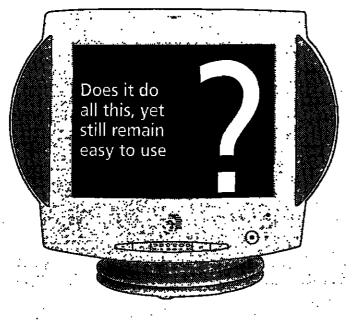


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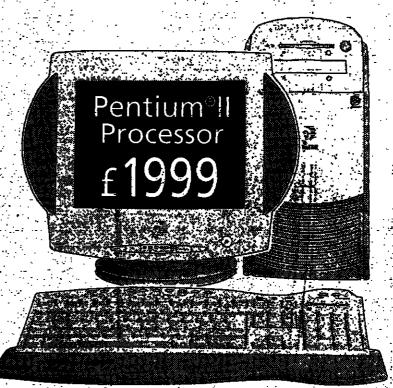
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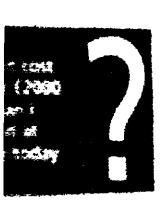




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Crowning glory in Lesotho pulls capacity crowd

IF THE Royal Family really wishes to reform itself into a popular and populist monar-chy, it might usefully consider crowning the future King Charles III in front of a capacity crowd at Wembley

That would be the British equivalent of the coronation attended yesterday by the Prince of Wales when David Mohato, a 34-year-old bachelor and an old boy of Ampleforth, was crowned King Letsie III of Lesotho, watched by 25,000 of his ional football stadium. Their roars equalled those from English fans in Rome when Glenn Hoddle's team qualified for the World Cup.

The King is the great-grandson of Moshoeshoe I, the father of the landlocked, mountainous, Southern African nation, who secured the protection of Queen Victoria for his people against advancing colonial forces in 1884.

It is his second occupation of what has recently been a troubled throne. He was installed by the military Government in 1990 in place of his father, King Moshoeshoe II, but stepped down in 1995 when his father returned from exile in Britain

and The Nether-6 The crowd lands. He reresponded to the Prince of father was killed in a road acci-Wales as if to dent last year. Of the foreign a late West dignitaries: who Ham goal 🤊 filed into the royal box, the loudest ovation was for President

Mandela, whose country surrounds Lesotho. The Prince of Wales drew a lesser ovation. partly because the crowd could not see him. The master of ceremonies humbly egged him on to stand up and show himself, which the Prince did. The crowd responded as if to a late West Ham goal.

When the King himself en-tered the stadium in an open Land Rover, the crowd rose cheering and ululating. The King did a lap of honour before inspecting an honour

the morning and lasted for a good three hours. The entire country was on public holiday. and a substantial proportion of its two million population appeared to be crammed into the stadium. There was singing, dancing and, mevitably, exceedingly long speeches.

The coronation ceremony itself was brief. It was a far cry from the solemn pomp of Westminster Abbey but it had

Alan Hamilton reports from Maseru. Lesotho, on the colourful coronation of an Ampleforth old boy and bachelor in search of a queen for his tiny kingdom

newly-crowned King, who said recently that the matter was becoming increasingly urgent, not least because his

mother was forever nagging

him. Polygamy does not reign

in the Lesotho royal house, so

King Letsie III needs only one

bride. Somewhere in yester-

day's crowd must have lurked

school-educated former rugby player with a law diploma

from Bristol and a handsome

perfect mate for a public

a dignity of its own. The King, in a dark suit with an embroidered gold crocodile climbing up his chest, mounted a dais. For a coronation robe his uncle placed a leopard skin cloak on his shoulders. Instead of the Imperial State Crown, he placed a coloured headband round the King's temples and tucked a feather

of orb and sceptre, he placed an ornate wooden stick.

Then five clergy, representing the Catholic, Anglican and evangelical denominations that predominate in Lesotho. placed their hands on the King's head and recited pray-Catholic, crossed himself.

There was further hymn singing including God Save the Queen in So-tho, the local

and African choirs. And then there was the Prince of Wales. After from President Mandela and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Prince stepped to the microphone to deliver a mess-

age from the Queen. In it, she recalled visiting Lesotho exactly 50 years, ago with her father King George VI, and hinted at the country's recent troubled political history. The Commonwealth today is a community enjoying great racial and religious diversity and committed to the principles of democracy, human rights, the rule of law and good government. I trust that, under Your Majesty's wise

guidance, Lesotho will contin-

ue to play a full part in this growing community and in upholding these principles." The Prince was listened to politely, but he earned solid applause when he ended the message with the Queen's wish "for an abundance of Khotso, Pula, Nala" - peace, rain and fertility. His Sotho pronunciation must have been

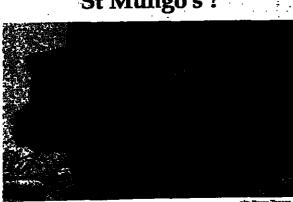
There remains the vexed question of a wife for the



III of Lesotho greets the Prince of Wales during the coronation festivities staged yesterday in the national football stadium



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No jokes please, it's Harvard

away from New York this week and live unpretentiously out of a suitcase in Cambridge, the riverside Massachusetts town near Boston now much better known for the ill-starred Louoldish university in its midst. Harvard, the polemicist John Tierney tells me. is "arguably one of the finest

Hiller B. Zobel, the judge in the Woodward case, appeared always to enjoy

the company of British journalists. His years

spent as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford have,

apparently, left him with an abiding love for British newspapers. But some of his facts are dated. On being told

by Barry Wigmore, a veteran of the British press

corps here, that he wrote for The Express. the

judge sighed: "Ah ... The Excess!" The kindly

Vigmore was too mortified to point out it now

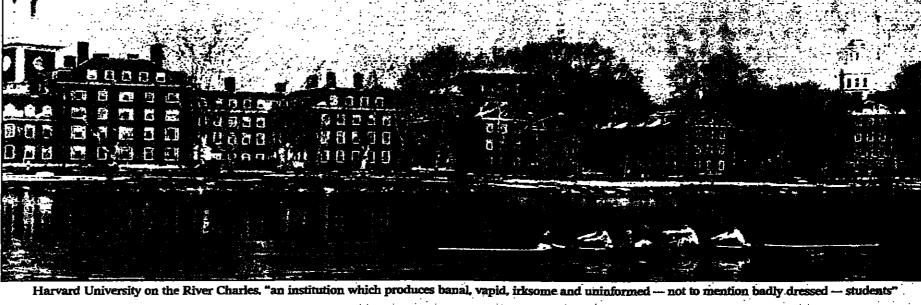
had another sobriquet - The Depress. Perhaps

someone should tell Judge Zobel.

schools in eastern Massachussetts, and possibly the best of the universities by the River Charles".

Over a meal of spiced lamb choos (cooked rare over a coal fire), Mr Tierney, an alumnus of Yale, raged against the damage that Harvard graduates inflict on the world when they assume positions of

"I was married to someone



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from Harvard once," he said, before trailing off into a silence that suggested that the decision may not have been a wise one.

After this conversation, could not possibly approach Cambridge with an open mind. In fact, so far as Harvard is concerned, my mind was made up long ago. I have been there before (oddly enough, to give a lecture to

some tedious undergraduate society, for whose bankrupt office-holders I then had to buy dinner), and I detest the

art of the problem lies in the "Cambridge syndrome". By this I mean the joyless, Cromwellian miasma that wafts from the Cam and the Charles. This ent than in Harvard's students. After each exhausting day at the trial of Louise Woodward, I would repair with British colleagues to the pubs and bars by Harvard Square, in search of a more sophisticated brand of "vox pop" than the sort provided

I must have spoken to more.

the area's boorish taxi

than 50 students in four days

and, with the exception of a red-haired philosopher who talked about "the Kantian ethics of lap-dancing", I found them all to be banal, vapid, irksome, uninformed, badly dressed, long-winded and monumentally earnest.

comes from an intense selfconsciousness, from an overblown sense that Harvard is

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jewel". It is, of course, simply nothing of the sort, me by a student who works on the Harvard Crimson, the campus rag.

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element in Harvard, too. And that's the veritas (Harvard's "America's greatest cultural Harvard hyper-solemnity In the steam room of my hotel, I heard a man say this the other day, of an incident

fun. Written by Harvard

graduates, The New York

Times is the dullest news-

It is a Roundhead paper

that Cromwell would love.

were he ever to set foot on

earth again. Naturally, the

paper in America.

just venting, just venting to myself."
Venting? The word has nothing to do with the urinary ducts of fish. It comes, instead, from "to give vent to".

in which a referee had sent him off for swearing:

"I told him I wasn't calling anyone names. I was

A language sage I spoke to was quite agitated: "This happens in America, you know, the transitive becoming the intransitive. It happens all the time, and there's no stopping these people from doing it." -

Professor looks to future of mind, body and sole

BY THE year 2050, it seems, we will all be living on an "intelligent planet", populated by robots which far surpass human reasoning abilities, have feelings and even dream at

So says Michio Kaku, a professor of theoretical physics at the City College of New York, and the author

of a wacky new book called Visions, an account of how science will revolutionise the 21st century. The year 2020, too, sounds intriguing. By then, we will all be living in

smart" homes filled with "smart" tables, chairs, kitchen appliances and other objects that "sense our presence" and that carry out our

needs. For example, a "smart" stereo system will lower its volume when we are talking on the telephone.

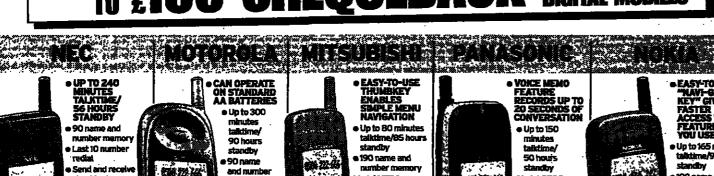
Shoes, however, occupy a special place in the Kaku scheme of things. "Shoes that think" will allow people to trade information by means of a handshake alone. "Because skin is salty and conducts electricity, a

resumé can travel electrically from shoe to hands and then to one's acquaintance's hand and shoe. This may ultimately prove to be a convenient way to exchange large computer files with someone on the street." Professor Kaku leaves one ques-

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Jiang trip to US

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIEVE

versed and it had been President Clinton in China, hosted by President Jiang Zemin. principal events would have been staged for prime-time television and images of Mr Clinton's every move transmitted back home.

Yet the Chinese leader's visit to the United States is getting bland, even cursory, treat-ment in Beijing. It is as if Jiang's political foes are in charge of the Chinese media." one diplomat said here

There was been no live television coverage and reporting of the visit on the main evening news is heavily edited. Viewers have not seen President Jiang, 71, taking a dip in the sea at Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. Nor did they see him wearing a colonial threecornered hat in Williamsburg, Virginia. Demonstrations in America over China's political prisoners, suppression of reli-gion, and Tibet policy have

also gone unreported. The People's Daily reported

IF THE roles had been re- a toast by Virginia Allen, wife of Governor George Allen, to the Chinese party chief in Williamsburg.

But edited out were Mrs Allen's praise for "the universal human principles upon which America is built — freedom, liberty and represen-

tative democracy". Faced with a possible downturn in the Chinese economy. after the problems of the "tiger" economies in South-East Asia, people appear to have more mundane concerns than their leader's trip abroad. "Mos worried about lay-offs," said one Chinese man.

By last night, the Chinese media had not reported President Jiang's meeting with US congressmen, a number of whom are critics of China's human rights record. Instead, the emphasis remained on President Jiang's welcome and the fact that, as the Chinese media put it, the two leaders "have become good friends".

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Pope condemns Christian role in anti-Semitism

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Port yesterday admitted that Christian prejudice, fuelled by misinterpretation of the Gospis", had contributed to the precution of Jews down theiges, culminating in a failur to prevent the

Using the Hebrew word Shoah fo the Holocaust, he declared: To the moral injury of all genocide, the Shoah added the injury of hatred. which rus counter to God's plan for salvation ... The Church itelf is directly con-fronted with responsibility for this hatred

He said many Christians had done everything to save the persected, to the point of risking thir own lives. But tance of miny others was not that whichhumanity expected from the deciples of Christ".

Rome: A Swiss archaeologist claims to have proof that the shroud of Furin is genuine

and not medieval fake (Richard Oven writes).

Maria Grazia Siliato, a
Paris-basel archaeologist
who has stdied the shroud
for 16 year, said her forthcoming bok. The Shroud
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burial clott of Jesus Christ.

It is kept in chapel at Turin

Cathedral, where it was res-

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ries in Briain, the United

States and Switzerland in

1988 suggeted the shroud, brought to France in about

1350 by Crusaders returning from the Holy Land, was a

13th or 14th entury forgery. But Dr Siliato said the

carbon datilg had been mis-

leading, bequise the piece of

cloth chosen for the tests had

been repaired and restored

cued from fire last April.

Shroud 'is genuine'

Vatican officials said yesterday's remarks, made to an international seminar in the Vatican on The Christian Roots of Anti-Judaism", were not the full papal mea culpa on the persecution of the Jews in the Christian era which

would be made next year.

But both the seminar and the Pope's address were part of "preparations" for a "definitive statement", officials said. This is the most difficult of the papal requests for par-don, said L'Espresso. Two thousand years of anti-Judaism weigh on the Church like

Addressing the three-day seminar, which ends today, the Pope recalled that Jesus had himself been a Jew and had "lived in a Jewish world".

make a Covenant with God, or Yahweh, but the concept of a "Chosen People" had aroused jealousy and hatred.

The Pope said some Christians had misused anti-lewish remarks in the Gospels, intended by the Evangelists to mark off the new religion of Christianity from its Jewish roots. He is thought to have had in mind passages such as those in St John which refer repeatedly to the Jews as the enemies of Christ and blame them for his death. St John observes (7.1) that Jesus avoided Judaea because the Jews were looking for a chance

The Pope said some Christians had "erroneously and unjustly misinterpreted the New Testament with regard to the Jewish people". This had stirred up "hostile sentiments" and had led to "a sleep of conscience" during successive waves of anti-Semitic persecution. Racism was a "negation of the most profound identity of human beings" and anti-Semitism was at all times without justification".

It is only 30 years since the ohrase "perfidious Jews" was dropped from the Roman Catholic liturgy. Jewish groups have demanded that, in addition to making amends, the Vatican should open its archives to allow scholars to examine claims that Vatican officials and Catholic priests helped fleeing Nazis to escape at the end of the Second World War, and banked gold taken from Jew-

The Pope did not mention the archives, but referred pointedly to Summi Pontificatus, a condemnation of racism in 1939 by Pope Pius XII (1939-58), who is accused by some historians of failing to do enough to speak out against, or even prevent, Nazi



Saddam examines a machinegun presented to him this week to mark his referendum victory two years ago

Mossad 'revives plot to kill Saddam'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Israeli press yesterday gave prominence to reports that a five-year-old plan to kill President Saddam Hussein of Irao had been revived by Mossad, the Israeli

The country's military censor permitted publication of details of the revived scheme because they first appeared in the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report. Senior Western security sources said that the accounts appeared

has been dusted down because of the in the Arab world following its bungled attempt to kill a Hamas agent in Jordan in September.

The 1997 plan is based on an operation aborted after the so-called Tze'elim 2 accident in November 1992 - it was named after the military base where five Israeli soldiers were killed in a lastminute dress rehearsal. A live missile was mistakenly launched towards a group of soldiers pretending to be Saddam's entourage.

Foreign Report, published by Jane's According to Israeli analysts, the plan Information group and known for its

intelligence contacts, based its story on security sources in Tel Aviv. It said Mossad had taken over implementation of the plan from the Israeli Defence Force after bitter rivalry between the two during the planning for the 1992 operation.

The newsletter added: "Will the plan

work? One of Foreign Report's wellplaced security sources in Tel Aviv says the commandos have already been told to carry out a feasibility study along the lines of the 1992 plan. But our source warns that if this operation fails, there could almost be a war because Israel would have to engage half its air force to

Baghdad 19. 'ready for military clash

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

IRAQ has given a warning : is ready for military confror tation over its move to expe American arms inspector: while Washington and it partners weigh options, in cluding new sanctions, t force Baghdad to back dowr

The United Nations Security Council was last night discussing a response to Ira after Baghdad barred tw American members of the U? weapons inspection team who arrived on board a U!

The Iraqis have given the ten Baghdad-based Amer cans on the 40-member tear one week to leave the countr impairing UN efforts to judg whether Iraq is still hidin banned weapons.

The divisions within the I member council, which th Americans blame for trigge ing the crisis, remain unr solved. Western diplomats as considering re-submitting a American-British resolutio threatening to ban Iraqi mi' tary and intelligence office from travelling abroad unic they co-operate fully with the inspection team.

Despite the increasing international pressure. In remains defiant. "We are of the defensive, but if they pure the issue towards a milita confrontation ... we will n back down from the stand Kasim Hamoodi, said

edia play dog ang trip to [] .

Frightful cost of Hallowe'en

Turin shroud: saved

from fire last year

at least five times since 1400.

She also claimed that "elec-

tronic tests" had shown the

the words "Jesus of Naza-

reth", invisible to the naked

eye, were imprinted on the cloth, but did not say in what

FROM BROWEN MADDOX

LAST night's Hallowe'en was one of the nost commercial "trick or treatilg" from door to door was expected to reach \$2.5 billion (£15 billion), a fifth more than las year.
Parents in Bitain should be

warned. In America, spending on Hallowe enis growing far faster than br Christmas,

according to a Washington Post report. The results of the Hallowe'en industry's promotional skills have been inescapable for a month. In towns, perched tentatively on doorsteps defying passers-by to

In suburb and countryside. Hallowe'en comes into its full glory. Illuminated encampments of "life-size" witches and ghosts crouch in front gardens, while doorbells are

treating costumes that really September, they begin nagging their parents for the season's "must-have" fancy dress. This year, parents who

This year, national spend-

tionery is expected to top children go back to school in are not prepared to put in to shell out \$1.5 billion for the

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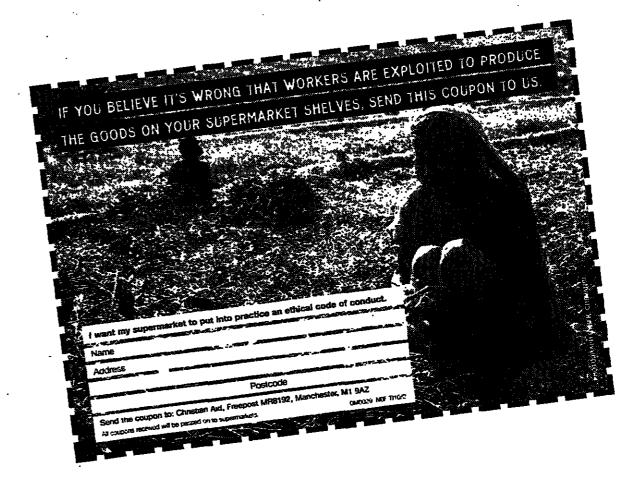
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Bosses accused by 'Red Devil' as strike looms

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

WHEN negotiations between French haulage bosses and lorry drivers broke down acrimoniously early yesterday, Roger Poletti, the most prominent and militant of the union leaders, made his usual beeline for the cameras. "I am ashamed of the bosses

that I see in front of me. They are cowards," thundered the thief of the Force Ouvrière ruckers' union, adding that ne believed it was now too late to avert the lorry drivers' strike due to begin tomorrow. M Poletti, 58, who glories n the nicknames "The Red Devil" and "Roger the Men-

ace", shot to notoriety during ast year's crippling 12-day orry strike. Again the tough Corsican has become the pubic voice of French lorry drivers: bitter, threatening and Jetermined

Due in large part to M oletti's heated rhetoric, the emperature of negotiations nad risen gradually in the past ew days to reach boiling point esterday when employers' epresentatives stormed out of ast-ditch pay talks. The posses claimed they had suf-



fered "intolerable insults", after one union chief called them "rotten swine" and "men without honour".

M Poletti promptly put the onus back on the haulage chiefs, accusing them of using a pretext to back out of the talks and insisting that the insults began flying only because the employers had failed to offer any new concessions over wage rises. 'They must know they have taken responsibility for a strike that

Lake Erie bring a particular shudder to Nan Nowak and her

three-year-old daughter, Nadia. It

is exactly two years since they were found to be infected with HIV, and

Ms Nowak is only too aware of the

Williams, 20, was found to have

had sex with at least 28 local

day," he said.

Negotiations were due to resume again last night, but hopes of a resolution were evaporating fast. The union's truckers yesterday began dis-tributing leaflets in English on motorways warning foreign hauliers to avoid France.

In some respects M Poletti is an unlikely figurehead for the lorry drivers. Despite his sobgriquet, earned during the ten-day lorry drivers' strike of 1992, the Red Devil is not a member of either the Communist or Socialist parties. His. union is relatively moderate. and represents just 11 per cent of the 200,000 French

M Poletti has never been employed as a long-distance haulier, having left the French Air Force in 1963 to work as a ticket collector on the Métro before becoming a full-time

union activist As talks floundered, M Poletti invited photographers into his Paris "campaign HQ", where he presides over a large map of France complete with toy trucks. "I am going to block the whole of France with my lorries," he said, almost



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British plea to lift weekend lorry ban

. By Ben Macintyre

UNION organisers have not revealed their plan of campaign, but if the lorry drivers' strike goes ahead tomorrow the protesters are expected to begin by blockading major roads, border crossings and ports.

International haulage groups, including the Road Haulage Association (RHA) in Britain, yesterday called on the French Government to suspend laws barming lorries from the roads over the weekend. HGVs are banned from 100m on

Saturday to 10pm on Sunday under French law, but because this is a holiday weekend the ban should have gone into

effect from 10pm last night.
"We believe the strike is 90 per cent certain to go ahead," said Dan Hodges, a spokesman for the RHA, adding that hundreds of British lorry drivers in France were attempting to get home.

"Our members are involved in a." desperate dash to reach the relative safety of the cross-Channel ports before the blockades go up. We are calling on the

lorry ban to give our members vitally needed breathing space." he said. Hotlines have been set up in the various regions to provide up-to-date information on the traffic situation, although the switchboards may be as jammed as the roads. The numbers are: Rennes (North-West): 02 99 32 33 33: Lille (North): 03 20 47 33 33;

Metz (North-East): 03 87 63 33 33; Paris (Central): 01 48 99 33 33; Lyons (East-Central): 04 78 54 33 33; Bordeaux (South-West): 05 56 96 33 33; Marseilles (South-East): 04 91 78 78 78.

WORL SUMMARY

Talkson global gases fail

A conference in Bonn on global warming ended in deadlock yesterday after wide differences remained between the European Union and the United States (Nigel Hawkes

writes).
The UN-sponsored talks aimed to clear the way for an agreement on the eduction of global warming cases at a summit in Kyoto, apan, next month. Now an exra two-day meeting has been arranged on the eve of the summit. Environmental groups were critical of Japan and the US. accusing them of refusing to accept the need to controls.

Arms pact vote

Moscow: Russa's lower house of parliament voted 288-75 to ratify the 193 Chemical Weapons Convenion banning the development production and use of chemial weapons. The accord has seen backed by more than 10 countries, but Russia's support is important because it i the world's largest possessit of such weapons, with stocks of 40,000 tonnes. (Reuters)

Death chamber

Milan: Ten paients and a nurse were burnt to death when fire crupted in a highpressure treatment chamber at a private hopital on Milan's outskirts, ; fire brigade spokesman said The II victims died in 1 matter of seconds. Many of them had relatives waiting outside the

Mad cov' blow

erm-tim

Brussels: Belgium has detected its first case if "mad cow" disease. Karel Pinxten, the Agriculture Minster, said. He said the animalwas part of a herd at Mear in eastern Belgium. The emaining 33 cows in the hard would be destroyed, he sad. (AFP)

14 die in Azores

Lisbon: At leasti4 people were killed and many were still missing after a severe mid-Portuguese Azires, triggering mudslides (Repers)

Cocktail of drugs, sex and poverty brings death to small town Tom Rhodes reports from Jamestown,

New York State, on the threat of

an HIV-infected man's vengeance

risks posed by even a simple cold. But there is an even more terrifying reason for her anxiety in including a 13-year-old girl, and this small community in western allegedly targeted teenagers long New York state: she believes the after he had known he was HIV

infected man who fathered her child is engaged in a revenge spree For more than a year Ms to spread the virus to as many Nowak, 41, has led a campaign to women as possible. Her allegaalter the state's confidentiality tions pile on the agony for Jameslaws, which guarantee the right of town, in the wake of the arrest of Aids patients to remain anonyanother local man, Nushawn mous to the police. The local health Williams, a drug dealer whom officials this week said was indepartment and law enforcement officials have ignored her cries of volved in serial infections. Mr

Yesterday, with the Centres for Disease Control, the FBI and a top

Washington Aids specialist joining the Williams investigation, and hundreds of young teenagers awaiting the results of a series of Aids tests, local officials declined to comment on the Nowak case. However, Sergeant Rex Rater of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department confirmed Ms Nowak's allegations and said there was an ongoing investigation of her former boyfriend. "I cannot comment any further as we are hoping to make an arrest in time

who, according to Ms Nowak, impregnated two other women within weeks of leaving her. Jamestown, like so many towns in upstate New York, has become home to a new urban underclass. Once a furniture-making meccawhich boasted as its most famous daughter Lucille Ball, the television actress, today the shops and factories have been replaced by crack houses and dingy diners.

Williams always had a goodsupply of marijuana and provided respite from the incessant boredom. He held a fatal attraction for black and white girls, Some, such as Amber Arnold, 18, claim that, despite his premeditated actions, partner about their con-

invoked an "imminent risk" excep-

tion to the confidentiality law, but

no judge has yet been prepared to do the same for Nadia's father

only identified when a local judge "Pinky" Taylor, 17, another former girlfriend, is relieved she has so far ested negative. Williams left his trail of destruc-

tion behind to return to New York in January before being arrested again in September. In the end, his antics were discovered after the youngest of his victims, now 14, came forward. Williams has since been charged with statutory rape. Further charges are pending.

His is the first case of its kind in

the United States where a highly promiscuous HIV carrier allegedly gnored explicit warnings to have unprotected sex. More than half the states in America - New York is not one of them - have passed laws that make it a come for someone with the HIV viets to have sex without informing the

Nan Nowak and daughter Nadia

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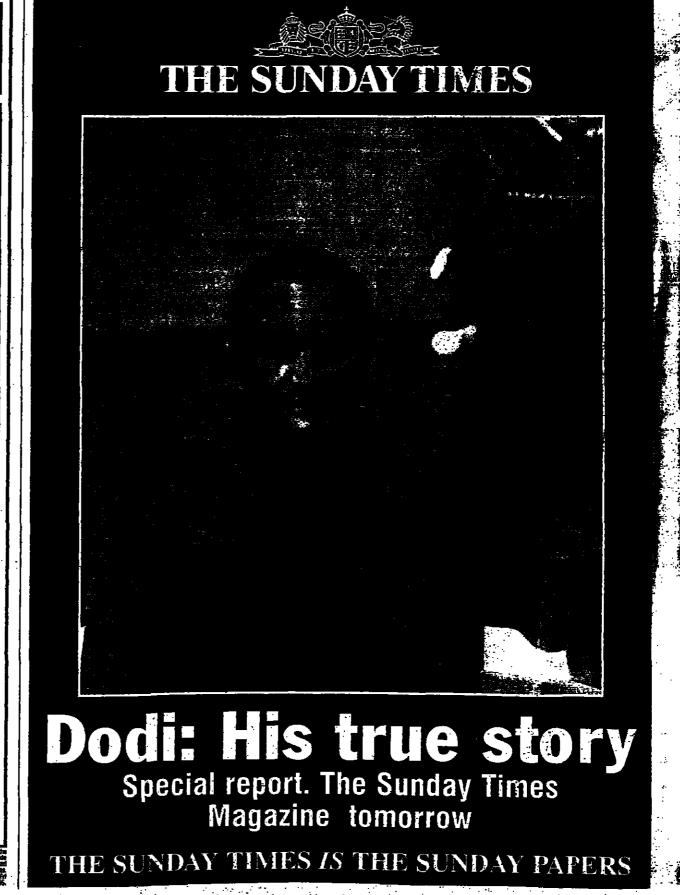
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The stars in action: Eileen Downey, left, and David Smith. She is like a Yorkshire terrier, he says

Fame returns to hotel whose ship went out

IN ITS heyday, it catered for the famous and wealthy on their way to ocean cruises. In the classless Nineties, it will accept almost anyone - even a BBC1 film crew.

Liverpool's Adelphi hotel is le latest institution to follow the example of the Royal Opera House and Heathrow airport, and allow itself to feature in a fly-on-the-wall documentary series. Liverpudlian sensitivities are expected to be rather less touchy than

some of the opera set.

The undisputed star of the eight-part Hotel, starting on Monday night, is expected to be the general manager, Eileen Downey, who is 42 and 5ft nothing. A native of the city, she declined an offer to see the series before it is broadcast.

"Of course you get fed up with a television crew hanging around all that time," she said. There were definitely moments I wish they had not been there." In every episode, Mrs Downey is seen cajoling The staff did not fight shy when

a fly-on-the-wall TV crew came to stay at Liverpool's Adelphi,

writes Philip Delves Broughton

way to the fatal last voyage of

the Lusitania. This used to be

a hotel just for the upper crust," said Mr Morton. "In

the old days, half the people in

here now wouldn't have been

The BBC camera crew

complete access. Mr Morton

said: "It is a warts-and-all

documentary. It is not all

sugar and spice in the hotel

Mrs Downey joined the

let through the front door."

her staff through crises and into action. She evicts prostitutes, bawls out porters and strikes deals for people to sleep on mattresses in conference rooms after the bomb threat at the Grand National.

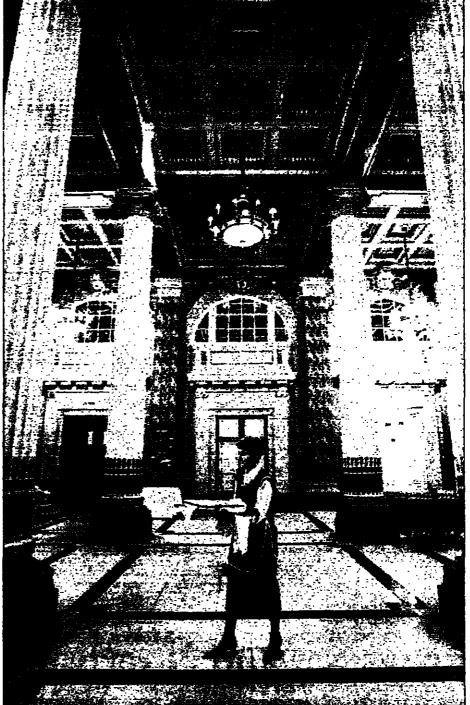
Michael Morton, joint owner of Britannia Hotels, which bought a declining Adelphi in 1983, worried: "Elleen might stayed for nearly seven months and were granted have overacted in some scenes because she knew the camera was on her."

The Adelphi was built like a ship in 1912, for passengers business. We wanted to reach and their servants arriving or people who don't know what the Adelphi is like." denarting on the great liners which docked at Liverpool. Roy Rogers once rode up its front steps on his horse, Trigstaff 13 years ago, when Britannia had just bought the

shut. After bringing up her two children, she found a job in the accounts department of the hotel where she had spent the first night of her marriage. She kept an eye on every

penny, became a manager, and five years ago was promoted to general manager. Since then, the hotel has become profitable. It has 402 rooms and more than 130,000 guests a year. She said: "I'm proud of what I've achieved. We have opened the Adelphi to everyone. Today "Dr Love Shaft" runs

a Seventies night in the nightclub. White marble remains in the corridors, but two main bars have been opened to nonresidents. Among the other staff who feature in the series is David Smith, 52, the executive chef, who does the swearing for everyone. He says of Mrs Downey: "She's like one of those Yorkshire terriers who go for your ankles." She



The majestic columns of the Adelphi hotel: 13 years ago, half the floors were shut

Ban on term-time holidays 'would force up tour prices'

FROM ARTHUR LEATHLEY IN TENERIFE

MILLIONS of tourists would face higher holiday costs if ministers press ahead with plans to prevent children from taking holidays during term-time, travel industry leaders claimed yesterday. Ministers are under heavy pressure from

teachers to end the current rules that allow

parents to take their children out of school for up to ten days. Head teachers claim that more and more parents are taking their children on term-time holidays and disrupting their education.

Senior figures from the Association of British Travel Agents said yesterday that changing the rules would put huge pressure on tour operators, especially during the

peak summer season, and that this would be passed on to customers in higher prices. Steven Freudmann, president of Abta, said yesterday, on the eve of the association's annual conference in Tenerife: "With more pressure put on, peak prices will

undoubtedly go up." Ian Reynolds, the association's chief executive, explained that tour operators were able to hold prices down because they were able to spread the holiday season over a much longer period into spring and

talking with the travel industry about the plans, which are still in the consultation

Department of Education officials are

stage.

☐ Holidaymakers' complaints about the

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standard of their hotels or apartments soared by 80 per cent last year. The total number of complaints about accommodation made to ABTA rose from 2,747 in 1995-96 to 4,943 in 1996-97. The figures coincided with a 65 per cent increase in the number of complaints about delayed and overbooked flights and 30 per cent rise in complaints

IN BRIEF £40,000 contempt fine for paper

London's Evening Stan-dard was fined £40,000 at the High Court vesterday over an article whose publication halted the trial of six men accused of escaping from Whitemoor jail. Lord Justice Kennedy said that the article, which disclosed that some of the accused had been convicted of terrorist crimes, was a contempt which "had a very serious effect on the administration of justice".

Crash kills two

Two 16-year-olds died after a stolen car overturned and burst into flames. A girl was killed in the crash on the M3 near Southampton and a boy died in hospital. Another 16-year-old boy suffered minor injuries.

Pit sabotage

Two dozen activists of pounds of damage to opencast mining machin-ery near Tibshell, Derbyshire. They were among 300 environmental protesters who arrived in convoy from the M1.

Legion award

The Royal British Legion's success last year in restoring the two minutes silence on November II was named public relations campaign of the year in PR Week and received a separate television news charity campaign award.

Penny pinchers

The Inland Revenue apologised for asking a Yorkshire businessman to return a tax rebate of one penny. Jonathan Waite was amused to get a cheque for £0.01 and "staggered" to be then asked to send it back.

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Hillary Clinton calls for compromise

First Lady cited peace campaigner Joyce McCartan as

an inspiration to politicians, reports Martin Fletcher

HILLARY CLINTON deliv ered a scarcely veiled admoni-tion to Northern Ireland's hardline politicans yesterday as she sought to boost the fragile peace process during a flying visit to the Province. America's First Lady said

that the people were demanding peace, and that their political leaders had to achieve it. That requires compromise and reconciliation," she insisted. That involves postponing or even giving up one's cher-ished ideals in the belief that others will do the same to end the conflict and build a better

"All sides must compromise and seek the common ground in the weeks and months ahead," she told an audience at the University of Ulster in Jordanstown, Co Antrim.

Unionists and republicans attending the Stormont peace talks have not so far spoken to each other, and the Democratic Unionist Party and the UK Unionist Party are boycotting the talks. Mrs Clinton said she was under no illusion about the difficulties ahead when the "wounds still seem so raw", but she pledged America's continuing support for the peace process and demanded "all the work, all the prayers, all the strength, courage and commitment that can be brought to bear".

It was encouraging that Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders were finally at the negotiating table, she said, but they will be able to end a



Joyce McCartan: she met Mrs Clinton in 1995

generation of senseless killing and forge a lasting peace".

The First Lady's tough words came as she delivered the inaugural lecture for a chair honouring the late Joyce McCartan, a woman who had lost her son and more than a dozen other relatives during

the Troubles but who brought

Catholic and Protestant women together to work for peace. Mrs Clinton had met Mrs McCartan in 1995 in a Belfast fish and chip shop when she visited Northern Ireland with the President. She produced the stainless steel teapot which Mrs McCartan had given her after they shared tea together. and said that she now used it daily in her own kitchen. She said that the teapot symboli-

thousands of kitchen tables"

where mothers and fathers

realised that there had to be change, and said: "We have to take a stand for our children'." Mrs Clinton said that she stood "in awe of women like Joyce McCartan who through their own personal tragedies find strength to go on, but more than that to reach out and try to prevent the conditions occurring that caused them such heartbreak.

Such women became active when they got fed up with politicians' "posturing" and "speechmaking" and saw how the politics of hatred were hurting their families. She recalled Mrs McCartan re-marking that "you can't fly flags in a pan".

Mrs McCartan "deserves as her real legacy that the peace process go forward. She and all the brave women who for more than 20 years marched, begged, prayed, cried and shouted that they wanted peace deserve to be heard."

Mrs Clinton's visit was lowkey compared with the rapturous scenes that the couple witnessed two years ago, but came at a critical time, with the peace talks in danger of stalling. After spending the night in Dublin she was greeted at the airport in Belfast by the two west Belfast children, one Catholic, one Protestant, who welcomed the Clintons in 1995.

Later, Mrs Clinton addressed a youth conference at and then flew on to London Cherie Blair at Chequers.



Hillary Clinton, delivering the memorial lecture to Joyce McCartan, with the teapot Mrs McCartan gave her

IN BRIEF

Driver in keys switch is jailed

ed his car keys next to a dead passenger after a crash to try to shift the blame was jailed yester day for seven years by Nottingham Court Ateeq Rafiq. 23. of Bulwell, Nottingham, ran off after the double-death crash. Last mouth be ad mitted causing the death: of Keith Hempsail, 58, and Rizwan Majid, 20, while more than two and a half times over the legal alcohol limit for driving He told police Mr Majid was the driver.

War on drink

The charity Streetwise plans to turn a derelici First World War sea fort off Grimsby into a detoxification centre for 1,650 drug addicts and alcoholics a year. The £21,000 price was donated and the charity will seek £800,000 to restore and equip it. 🖰

Car ordeal

A woman was dragged along a road for 100 yards after three youths in a car snatched her rucksack. Linda Gorman's arm was trapped in the straps and she was pulled along in Cotham, Bristol, at up to 40mph before she broke free with cuts and bruises.

Big hero

Allan Morton, 10, from Falkirk whose fight against cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus improved from the age of two after he became a fan of Luciano Pavarotti, will meet the tenor after atconcert as a birthday treat.

Bonfire plea

The RSPCA urged that Guy Fawkes bonfires should be built as late as possible, so that fewer hedgehogs crawl inside to hibernate. The founda-tions of boufires should be disturbed at least two hours before lighting to chase away any animals.

Pay and delay

Long-stay parking has a new meaning for Fred Gibbon, 63, from Bury, Lancashire. He put 60p into a parking machine at his local swimming pool and got a ticket with an expiry date of January 2006. The council says it is valid.

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Another day of anguished remembrance in Enniskillen

last communication that we had", she said, her eyes filling

In 1991 she used compensation money to buy a nursing

home in Holywood, near Bel-

fast. That was the only way

she could bring her husband

home and provide round-the-

clock care. She talks to him,

teases him, prods him, calls him sweetheart. When he yawns and swallows, you

know he's listening to you."

She added: "I would not

want to know Gerry Adams or

Martin McGuinness. I do pray for them; I think they

need a lot of prayer."

with tears. -

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

RONNIE HILL sits in a large Victorian house near Belfast, his atrophied harids crossed on his blanketed lap. Occasionally his head lolls, or he wns or swallows. Some times his unseeing eyes flicker

In the decade since an IRA bomb exploded at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Enniskillen, those are practically the only movements the former missionary and headmas-

A week from today, the market town on Lough Erne in Co Fermanagh will commemorate the tenth anniversary of one of the worst atrocities of the Troubles, It will remember the II who lost their lives, but in one sense they were fortunate.

Mr Hill's body lives on, but he is comarose, his brain severely damaged. His irre-pressible wife, Noreen, who has nursed him all those years, admits it would be a miracle if he recovered. Asked where she found the strength.

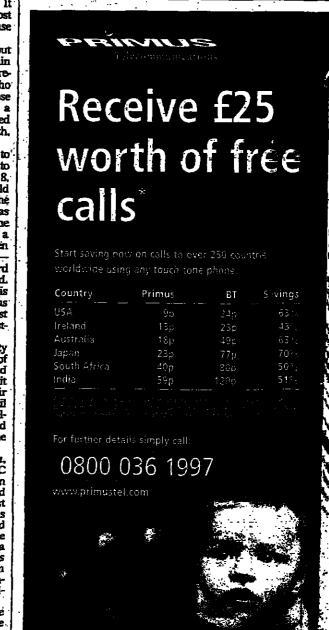
she replied: "God."

Today there is little to remind the casual visitor to Enniskillen of November 8, 1987. The site of the old Reading Rooms, in which the 40lb bomb was planted, has finally been cleared. The names of those "killed by a terrorist bomb" have been added to the war memorial relatives who wanted the word "murdered" were overruled. The overriding impression is of a bustling, prosperous town. Enniskillen has just won Northern Ireland's Best-Kept Town award.

This outward normality masks the continuing pain of so many who were bereaved or mained. When you sit and talk to the relatives, their grief is palpable," said Denzil McDaniel, editor of Enniskillen's Impartial Reporter and author of a new book on the

bombing
The book, Enniskillen, recalls Gordon Wilson's BBC interview that Sunday night in which the draper described which the triangle last words as they held hands beneath the rubble and prayed for her killers. Since then Mr Wilson has died of a heart attack and his son has been killed in a car crash. Ten years back, we were a com-plete family," said Mr Wil-son's widow, Joan. Mrs. Hill was at home

peeling potatoes when she heard the explosion and says, she knew instantly that her husband had been injured. He was conscious for two days and wrote a note asking whether Mr Wilson had survived. Mrs Hill still has the note, it was "more or less the





Traffic ight' kit failed to stop babies

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Dominic Kennedy reports on doubts

"over 'new generation' contraceptive

Beckett's triplets are born next week, they will join a new generation of unplanned babies whose mothers put their faith in "the biggest thing to happen to sontraception since the

The Persona, a computerised version of the rhythm method of family planning, -was launched 14 months ago as a healthy, reliable alternative to the Pill. It consists of a £49.95 starter pack containing a hand-held monitor plus 16 test sticks, which were used to take urine samples during a single menstrual cycle during

nthe first month of use.

And the computer stores this information. From then on, nevery month, a further pack of reight test sticks, costing £9.95, : is required.

On days when there is a high risk of pregnancy, a light in the Persona glows red and the couple is supposed to avoid intercourse. When there is a low risk, the light is green and they are allowed sex. If the · light is amber, a new urine » sample is needed. A £5 million , promotional

campaign app--professional awomen, who nwere able to aff-.ord the Persona The device is still aș a healthy, reliable alternative "to the Pill, in uspite of hundreds ef pregnancies British among avomen. It was launched in Ire-

rland earlier this , year, where, with the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church, it is selling twice as fast as the manufacturer, Unipath, predicted.

rs Beckett, 23, of Hastings, who hoped to delay having another until her daughter Danielle began school, was en to abandon the Pill cause of a family history of od clots. She bought the arter pack and followed the instructions, having sexual intercourse with her husband, Chris, 29, only on days when

Pill before her wedding to Matthew, 29. "It seemed like a wasn't drug-related." Like more than 100,000 couples who bought the device, their intimate lives became dominated by the Persona's "traffic lights" system. The tests had to be done in the morning. On her wedding day, Julia awoke to find that the light was red. Her marriage was consummated only when she went on honeymoon and the Persona changed colour.

day expecting a baby, and has had to give up her £25,000-ayear job. She found out she pregnant by using

> home pregnancy test which sells 200 million kits a year, also made by Unipath, part of the Unilever food and detergents group. The company investprofits from the kits in Persona, which was launched in Britain in September 1996. It was said

same as the condom". Persona's success figure was lowered to 94 per cent when the final results of trials involving

to 6,000 pregnancies.

the light in her Persona box glowed green. She was aston-ished when she became pregnant five months later, but a bigger surprise was to come.
"I was lying on the bed having the scan and I thought I could see two heads. Then they told me I was expecting

triplets. I was totally shocked."

The Persona also appealed to Julia, 28, who came off the

brilliant idea," she said. "It

She returned from the holi-Clearblue, the

> to be 95 per cent reliable, "the

710 women became available around the new year.

Unipath refuses to say how many women it knows have become pregnant using the Persona, except to describe the number as well within the reliability rate. However. with more than 100,000 users, that means there could be up Another possible problem is The Persona has its own





Rosemarie Beckett and her husband, Chris, pictured behind with their daughter Danielle, were keen to try a contraceptive that was free from the risk of blood clots

A hospital scan revealed that Mrs Beckett was pregnant with triplets after using Persona for five months

Website. But surfers are warned: "Do not proceed in the Persona section of this site if you are located in the USA, as Persona has not been approved for use ... by the Federal Drug Administration." A trial involving 1,200 American women is now:

Judy Murty, of the Marie Stopes Centre in Leeds, said pregnancies seemed to be happening when women had intercourse at the start of the "green" days, possibly because sperm were surviving longer than expected. Unipath says that sperm have been estimated to survive as long as five days, but Dr Murty says some can live longer than a week.

that the instructions are too complicated. The Medical Devices Agency in Britain is still examining the figures produced by the clinical trial.

The support of the Roman Catholic Church has been vital for the Persona's popularity. Before it was launched in the Republic of Ireland this April. women were travelling to Belfast and Londonderry to buy the device. The gadget has also been approved for sale in Italy. Germany and The Nether-

Eight legal aid certificates have been issued to women who want to sue Unipath and Boots, which sold the ma-Tim Roper, of chines. Wolferstans solicitors in Plymouth, will investigate the reliability rate. The medical litigation specialists Alexander Harris, of Altrincham, near Manchester, are acting for two personal assistants, a secretary and a teacher.

ruce, 45, a London businessman, had reservations from the start. When his girlfriend told the British Pregnancy Advisory Service centre that she became pregnant using Persona, they said: You are the seventh this week." At the abortion clinic, several other couples had been

using the device. The service has launched a study to see if the machines are to blame. Bob Snowden, Professor of Family Studies at

Exeter University, who helped to assess the Persona, said: There is a risk associated with it as there is in any method of family planning." Joanna, 31, knows all about

that risk. When she bought her Persona, she had a live-in boyfriend. The first time she used the device, she fell pregnant. After she decided to have an abortion, her boyfriend became upset and the couple have paried. She furious with Unipath. They have ruined my life," she said. ☐ The identities of some couples have been changed to protect their privacy. Alexan-Harris helpline 0500 774477; Wolferstans 01752 663295: Persona Website:

www.unipath.com/persona



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Roars herald last desperate flappings of old Emuphiles

addy Ashdown may call them the big beasts of the jungle, but for William Hague they're creatures from another age unable to cope with the new climate - dinosaurs determined to wreak havoc in a world that has

Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke are not, however, diplodoci thrashing around chaotically. The roars they emitted in the pages of The Daily Telegraph and on the Today programme were

Dinosaurs died out because their brains could not send signals to their bodies with sufficient speed to react to danger. Messrs Clarke and Heseltine have, in contrast, been remarkably nimble this week for big beasts.

It was just rather a pity for Hague's supporters that their momentum has been directed at trying to trample all over

What really rattled the dino-saurs' cage was the Shadow Cabinet meeting on the evening of Thursday the 23rd. It was at that meeting William Hague succeeded in doing what John Major never could. He secured agreement from his colleagues for a campaign of opposition to the single currency at the next election.

Sceptical supporters of the new position may be exaggerating the importance of Europe as an issue in the public mind when they argue that such a stance from Major might have won the Tories' the last election, but it could

Michael Gove hears the return of the dinosaurs to plague Hague with one final glorious burst of noise on Europe before going on a one-way trip along the road to extinction

certainly have prevented the haemorrhage of support to the Referendum Party and given stay-at-home Tories a cause to

Hague succeeded in winning round his Shadow Cabinet against a background of Labour turmoil but, according to one of those there, the reasoned case he put was not calculated as a response to the Government's current difficulties, but based on long-term strategy and principle.

Hague enjoyed surprisingly strong support for his stance from Sir Norman Fowler, a close friend of Clarke's, and more measured but still solid backing from the pro-Europeans Stephen Dorrell and Alastair Goodlad. According to one present they "entered but were entirely

Hague's team, although delighted by the unaninimity around the Shadow Cabinet table knew there would be noises off.

They did not anticipate how loud, or carefully co-ordinated the explosions would be. No action could, however,

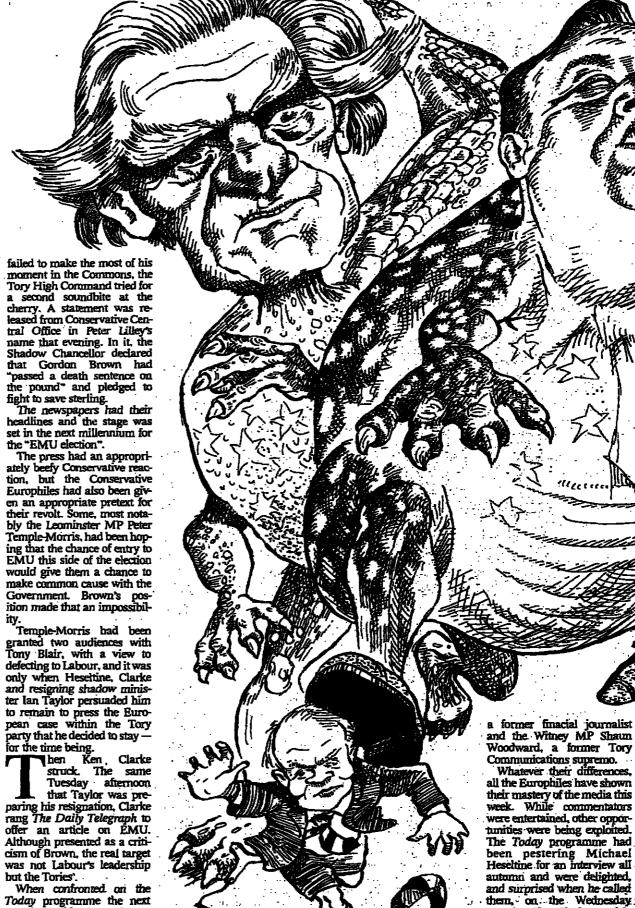
be taken by the Tory until Gordon Europhiles Brown had spoken. When the Chancellor came to the Commons despatch box at 3.30 that Monday afternoon it was on behalf of a Government that had learnt painfully over the previous ten days how divisive and destabilising an issue

Europe could be. Contradictory briefings about Labour's attitude to a single currency had knocked the administration badly off

Brown, however, came off the ropes fighting and the combination of a clear commitment to the single currency in principle with a pragmatic pledge not to enter in the lifetime of this Parliament was a double whammy powerful and adroit enough to silence critics from both the pro and anti single currency wings of In contrast to Brown's as-

sured performance, the noracute Shadow Chancellor Peter Lilley appeared to misread the mood of the Commons and stuck to a script which concentrated on the spin which preceded Brown's statement instead of tackling head-on the consequences of the Government's declaration.

Sensing that Lilley had



were Stephen Dorrell, a prominent Clarke backer during the leadership election but thought to have made his

peace with Hague. The Tory Europhiles were at pains throughout the week to stress their efforts were a concerted campaign. One explained: "We all knew what was happening. We had to make sure that it didn't look like people were shouting off from different corners.

The point we have to get across is we're doing this

shown by rebel ringleaders to opinion-formers on the Right. together." A group of Europhile MPs and activists entertained Lord And the conduit for the conspirators is a hitherto obscure organisation called Con-Saatchi to lunch the Wednesday Clarke's article appeared. servative Mainstream. That evening at the patrician Created by David Hunt in the supper club Nick's Diner, dying days of the last parliafounded by the left-leaning ment to fight the looming former Chelsea MP Nick battle for the Tory soul in Scott, Telegraph editor Opposition, a number of left-Charles Moore was invited to ish and pro-European Tory groups shelter under its umbreak bread. Among the hosts

brella. Nick's Diner is one, the Tory Reform Group, which organises in the constituencies is another, and the Action Centre for Europe brings in

business and grandees. In the Commons Parliamentary Mainstream, under the Chairmanship of former Agriculture Minister Tony Baldry, has taken over from the old Macleod Group and provides MPs on the Tory Left with a organisational The main footsoldiers.

Rowe, and Ray Whitney have all had their cards marked by Hague's supporters. Most of the Mainstream members are considered contemptibles", but there are one or two younger recruits

Quentin Davies, Andrew

who tend to be far less driven to dissent. The most notable are the Ashford MP, Damian Green,

Communications supremo. Whatever their differences. all the Europhiles have shown their mastery of the media this week. While commentators

were entertained, other opportunities were being exploited. The Today programme had been pestering Michael Heseltine for an interview all autumn and were delighted, and surprised when he called them, on the Wednesday morning Ken Clarke's article appeared, to inquire if he might possibly accept their kind offer of a radio car. They

were only too happy to oblige. Heseltine did not disappoint. A single currency was. barring nuclear war, inevitable and the only question was when Britian was going to join - not if: Whatever the chances of nuclear war on the Continent, it had now broken out among the Conservatives When one journalist asked why Heseltine had not adopted his more restrained style of the past, he remarked omi-

nously: "Those days are over."

Hague's team, however, are determined that the days when Heseltine and Clarke can dictate Tory policy are over. A swift rebuke to the "retired Cabinet ministers" was delivered to ITN and a fierce defence of the leader's. position outlined in Friday's

Next week Clarke will address a Conservative Mainstream Conference at the St Stephen's Chib in Westmin-

ster. Final arrangements for

the conference, which will also hear from the Shadow front bench foreign affairs spokesman Gary Streeter, were made on Thursday evening in the Abbey Orchard Street offices of Mainstream from which Clarke's leadership

campaign was run. Clarke is expected to renew, and extend, his attack on Hague's single currency stance, but there are signs that the big beasts may have bitten off more than even they can

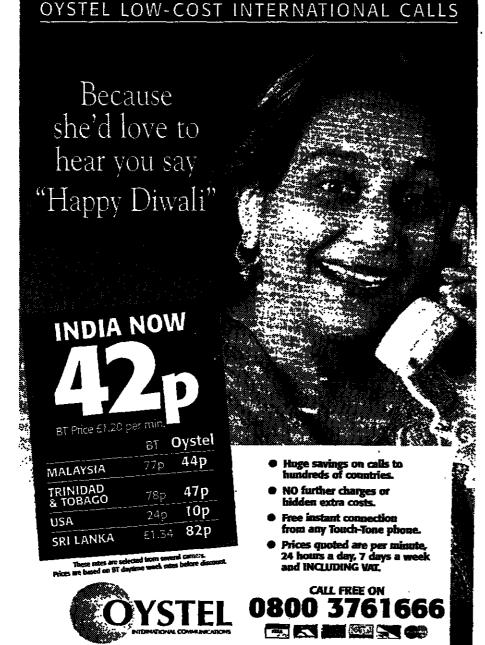
get their fangs into. One prominent member of Mainstream was at pains this weekend to stress "I back William's line. We have to recognise now is not the time to fall out in this way".

Another Mainstream official, although supportive of Clarke, feared the events of the past week might blunt the overall message from the Tory

And one pro-European new y blamed both Right and Left for arguing with a passion entirely out of place now the party was in Opposition. "It's Blair who makes the running now, we can't change any thing he argued.

"Some of these guys should go away and take a Prozac. The Tory party's old guard no longer appears to be marching in step with the majority in the party or the country, whose opinions

chime with Hague's position. The dinosaurs' roar may be meant as a warning but it sounds to many Tories as though they are crying out because they scent their own



No-one goes further to keep you closer

Mavericks upset Tory poll hopes

THE open warfare within the Tory party over Europe looks likely to scupper its chances of winning the Winchester by-election, with a decision by two unofficial candidates to enter

morning with the unhappy

consequences the article for

his leader. Clarke jokily chid-

with a "Eurosceptic" paper bound to make mischief with

His reaction surprised Tele

graph executives. After the

article had been filed early on

Tuesday evening Clarke rang

the Telegraph and asked for

the headline to be read to him.

When he was told that his

piece would appear under the

words "Don't be afraid of the

Right, Gordon" he pro-nounced himself entirely

It was far from the only

private expression of cordiality

its contents.

satisfied.

This week's fightback by the Tory pro-Europeans has prompted Roger Everest, a former Tory candidate, to stand as a Pro-European Conservative on November 20. And today Robin Page, a former Referendum Party candidate, will also announce that he is to stand on the joint ticket of the Referendum and UK Independence Alliance.

The moves, which will provide a new focus for the row over the Tories' policy on a single currency, will split the Pro-Europe fightback may scupper Conservative

chances in Winchester, reports Jill Sherman

Conservative vote in what is already a tight contest. It will also put the official candidate Jerry Malone, who lost his seat at the general election by two votes to the Liberal Democrat candidate Mark Oaten, in an embarrassing

Mr Malone, who won a High Court ruling for the Winchester election to be re-run after ballot paper irregularities, is more pro-European than William. Hague, but he will be under pressure to be loyal to the Tory leader.

Yesterday Shadow Cabinet mem-

bers rallied round Mr Hague after Michael Heseltine announced that he would lead the pro-European revolt and Peter Temple-Morris, a Euroenthusiast, decided against defecting to

Labour, to fight from inside.

Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, speaking on BBC Radio 4's Today programme, denied that there was a split in the Tory party and said Mr Hague had taken the only line that would defend Britain's nat-

John Redwood, Shadow Trade and

Industry Secretary, also claimed the Shadow team were united, and accused Labour of coming up with a "fudge which is not going to stick

together for many weeks". Lord Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, said that Mr Hague's hardline stance on the single currency could "turn out to be not so much foolish as incredible", and urged him to review it a before the next general election. Mr Everest, who is regarded as a

maverick by Tory Central Office, last stood as an official Conservative in the safe Labour seat of Caerphilly in 1974. Yesterday he told The Times that he would use the Winchester re-run to campaign for Britain's entry to a single currency this Parliament or the next.



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nnie Lindsell looks won-derful, her blonde hair sleek, her make-up perfect. Her blue eyes shine, her smile lights up the room. She wears an elegant black crepe two-piece with yellow V-neckline, as becoming as the dalmatiantrimmed suit she wore this week when she scored her famous victory

in the High Court Her hands lie prettily in her lan.

Immobile, helpless, she is dying beautifully at 47.

"It takes three hours to get me ready," she says, "but I will never let my standards slip. It's the one thing that clima is a first the one thing that gives me dignity."

Her QC, Anthony Lester, told me that she was the most remarkable person he had ever met. "A brilliant mind, a vibrant personality, hugely attractive, rogueishly flirtatious." If she has a fault, in Lord Lester's view, it is her adherence to new Labour when she is (like him) one of nature's Lib Dems.

Annie loves life. She enjoys good food (seared tuna, fillet steak) fine claret, the opera and films, Last week she saw La Vie en Rose. If she lives beyond Christmas, her goal is an ENO performance in February. Not one with a consumptive hero-ine. I hope? "Well, I've seen Traviata and Boheme this year." She was probably the only dry-eyed person in the house, I said, and she laughed her lovely, silent laugh.

She is not in the slightest depressed. Pro-lifers send prayers and tracts, thinking she wants courage. But her courage is greater: she insists on a peaceful, dignified end. "When the throat muscles go, and you can't swallow," she explains - her voice is croaky, every breath audibly effortful already first you choke on solids. Then you go on to pureed food. But every mealtime holds the terrifying possi-bility of inhaling one's food." This is when she will say: Enough.

I don't want to be given baby food, fearful that I might choke. I am going to die anyway. I don't see the point of going through more suffering. When you've only got a short time left, you've got to enjoy it."

So she asked her GP, Simon

Holmes, if he would save her from this stage of the disease by administering the painkiller diamorphine, which could shorten her-life. Heragreed, but wanted legal clarification and assurance that he would not be prosecuted, in view of what has happened to a doctor in Newcastle upon Tyne. This he was granted this week.

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An objection from another doctor that it amounted to voluntary euthanasia — was withdrawn, and Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division of the High Court. declared that Dr Holmes's action would not be viewed as anything but good medical practice.

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Not long ago, Annie was dancing the tango on stage. Motor neurone disease strikes at random with a tingle in the legs. She was 40. Then came the limp, the falls, the A full life has given Annie Lindsell her

determination to fight for the right to die in her own way



crutches, the wheelchair. Now she cannot lift a cup or a comb.

Grove

She was an Essex girl - "we're troublemakers" — youngest of three daughters of a nurse and a businessman, the school madcap, playing pranks, singing Joan Baez songs at CND rallies, running off to Brighton with the Mods. Threatened with expulsion for going busking in her school uniform, she went off to poly to do A levels and took a modern languages degree.

nce, on a cruise, she was hired as a singer by the bandleader at the Savoy Hotel, Madeira, but her father put a stop to that. "My father," she says, "had the best of everything for himself: a yacht, an E-type. But we were kept on a shoestring. He thought education a waste of money. If anything made me decide to be an independent woman, it was that,"

She decided to see the world as a British Airways stewardess. She became a union shop steward and enjoyed a brilliant work-schedule on Concorde: "I flew for 312 hours. had three nights off in New York; flew back, had four nights off. They were halcyon days."

Though she has lived with her partner "Hicko" - Ron Hicks, a chemical trader - for 18 years, she never wanted to marry. There was no way i would ever be like my poor mother, beholden to my father's every sulk. I've always been utterly independent. And here I dependent person that ever was."

- rueful smile - "the most At 35, she went to Richmond drama school. "I'd always wanted you only had five years to live, what would you do? And ridiculous though I thought his reasoning

Was, it did sway me."

At the Edinburgh Fringe, she met the saintly Martin Seager, a young composer, and they toured in his satirical cabaret shows. When resting, she dabbled in property: buying and selling flats in Holland Park, which kept the cash flowing in the 1980s boom.

he and Ron bought Bur-leigh House in Tedding-ton, an Edwardian villa built for the son of R. D. Blackmore, author of Lorna Doone: a romantic house with verandah, ornate plasterwork and baronial hall with grand piano, the perfect setting for musical evenings. While Martin answers the endless telephone calls, fetching coffee and holding the cup to Annie's lips, we sit in the pale, peaceful drawing-room with log fire and french door to garden.

"It's a happy house. I want to die here, with the Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde at full blast, and Ron and Martin, and my two cats. and champagne. I don't want to go to a hospice. Hospices do a wonderful job, but I don't want to die in a trange place."

When motor neurone disease was diagnosed in January 1992, "I was in full swing, having a wonderful life". She had just set up a management-training company. giving courses on topics such as managing change and positive thinking. Martin, who had been at Cambridge, took her to the University Library where they trawled the medical textbooks.

They travelled in search of a cure to clinics (and conmen) in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Switzerland, Casablanca. "Being the arch-sceptic, I found much of this very hard to take. But it's amazing what you do when desperate."

Through the Motor Neurone Disease Association, she has witnessed her own fate many times. On her last visit to Barbara, a fellow sufferer strapped into her chair with a neck brace, "I knelt at her side, and she made indecipherable noises. I looked up at her husband, and the poor man was clearly at the end of his tether.

"I said, I'm sorry Barbara, we can't understand what you're trying to say,' and tears poured down her face. If some people want to go on like that, fine. Provide them with every facility and help. But give people the autonomy to decide for themselves when it becomes intolerable.

"The pro-lifers say pain can be managed, but pain is not the only issue: there is also dignity and quality of life. We had many affidavits from patients' relatives describing the ghastliness of the final months, the dribbling, the mumbling, 'like living in a coffin'." Letters pour in - one addressed to

"Annie Lindsell, Teddington" from patients and carers, telling harrowing, emotional stories. Annie has no religion. She be-

lieves we must all make the best of our lives. Her one philosophical conclusion is that we reap what we sow. "I think I've always been quite a good person, and I've been blessed with amazing love and care from friends and family, particularly Martin." Martin's career is on hold until Annie dies. He even does her make-up like painting by numbers". She said: "I could not wish for

more care. But even so, there comes a time when your dignity is so impaired that enough is enough." Her "living will" specifies that she refuses invasive treatment: for ex-

ample, being fed by tube through the stomach when she can no longer swallow. "Many patients choose this, seeing it as their first opportunity to get off the treadmill. The consequence is that they have to go through the choking when

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have to do this. I hope our victory will mean patients will know what they are entitled to, and insist

"At the moment it is a lottery whether you get this treatment or

when they sign on with a GP, his views on palliative care. "Some are 😑 liberal about it, some more cau tious." Today she is guest of honou. at a symposium, Hippocrates o Hypocrisy?, at the Royal Society o 🚪 Medicine.

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Cautionary tale for teenagers

Bronwen Maddox on the hidden dangers of the land of the lawyers

ho could not identify with Louise Wood-ward's appalled cry: "I didn't do it, how can they do this to me. I'm only 19?" Then that terrible tableau: her shaking shoulders inside the too-adult beige jacket, her neatly combed hair sliding into her tears, her "star lawyer Barry Scheck standing frozen. And, adding insult to scarcely believable injury, the lumbering prison officer clutching her by the upper arm to lead her away — as if she had anywhere to run

I share the view of the defence team that "no one in their right mind", having heard the conflicting medical testimony, could have concluded beyond reasonable doubt that Louise Woodward murdered eight-month-old Matthew Eappen. We will not know until Tuesday whether a motion to have the verdict overturned or the charge reiuced will be successful. But the fact that the jury of

nine women and three men pronounced Louise guilty of econd-degree murder raises disturbing questions. It speaks olumes about transatlantic nisunderstanding. It is a lesson about the peculiarly vulnerable position of au pairs. And it is a warning about the eal peril which America's egalistic culture presents to inyone, like Louise Woodvard, who wants to sample he country's undoubted pportunities.
The defence has already

plamed the deluge of hostile re-trial publicity, and atacked the jury for being mable to comprehend the nedical details. Many have ilso remarked that the proscuting district attorney - in he US, an elected position nay have been playing to anti-British sentiment among Boson voters in pressing for a harge of murder, not man-laughter. I was particularly truck, as I watched the trial. y the subtle ways in which it vas threaded with Anglounerican misunderstanding.

Not least, there is Louise's omment that "I popped him he baby) on the bed". In xpression, with a not-irreleant echo in this case of Mary oppins. In Boston, it has iolent connotations: the more sual idiom would be "I opped him in the face". If ords change meaning over ,000 miles, appearance is ven more treacherous. In ritain, her plumpness was sually seen as youthful pupy fat, in the US, as proof of an

Before the verdict, one roman lawyer, a spectator in ne courtroom, told Cable lews Network excitedly that an television she looks like a ig girl, chunky. But in reality, e's no bigger than a peanut". he proceeded, apparently by nplication, to her view that ie jury must find Louise

isensitive nature.

They did not. The jurors ded instead with the Eappen arents in their understandble grief, and in their more

questionable conviction that Louise Woodward was to blame. It is, of course, every absent parent's nightmare that "something happens" during the day.

I have a passing interest in such tales. When I was a baby of about Matthew Eappen's age, left briefly in the care of an au pair. I broke my collarbone. I never gave family stories of the incident much thought, until my twenties when I realised that the exact cause of the accident still troubled my mother, as she mused one day that "babies don't just fall down the stairs".

But neither that incident nor my conscious memories of au pairs — have turned me against them; rather the opposite. I liked our au pairs, who left me with a fondness for Switzerland and for the names Heidi and Greta. Particularly for children old enough to speak, and to give their own version of the day's events, au pairs can offer the ideal of affordable childcare.

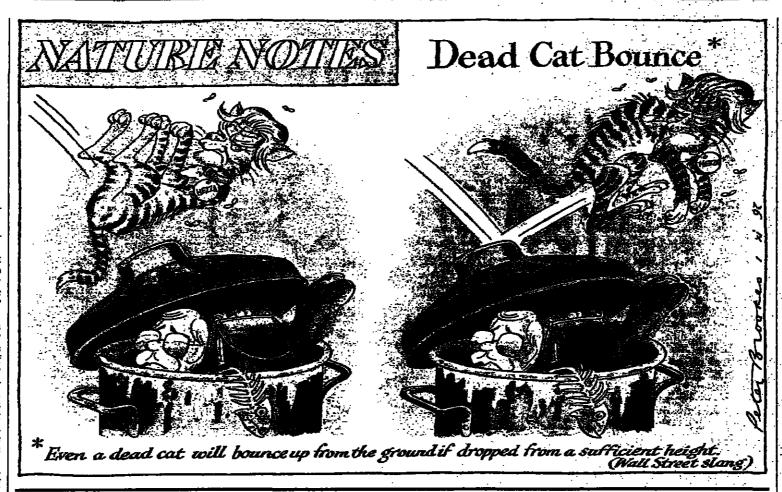
The risk may be as much or more — to the au pair as to the family. Watching Louise Woodward's trial, I am hardly alone in thinking that her youth and lack of training left her peculiarly vulnerable to blame. At the very least, it is a cautionary tale for teenagers who see a stint as an au pair as one of the few legal routes to working in America. In fact, it is a warning to anyone visiting the continent about the risks of falling into a legal swamp.

That America is a litigious society is not news. But that instinct is not just the result of a legal system driven by contingency fees and astronomical punitive damages. It springs from the passionate assertion of individual rights which serves America so well in other contexts, from the openness of its democracy to its entrepreneurial genius. When those rights are per-ceived to be infringed, anger follows quickly, even from the friendliest people.

That instinct can make even casual encounters perilous. New arrivals watch out when driving along streets in the poorer parts of town lest people deliberately throw themselves in front of the car, gripped by visions of their future day in court. Americans' reputation for friendliness is well deserved. But when things turn sour, their capacity — indeed genius
— for legal obnoxiousness should not be taken lightly.

teenagers set off on foreign travel usually focus on the physical dangers, whether of backpacking in Peru or hitchhiking in Zimbabwe. It is worth remembering, in the wake of Louise Woodward's trial, that America contains hidden dangers, as able to blight someone's life as a Florida gunman. Even if you have OJ Simpson's lawver at your side, as she did, it is not a country where it is safe to rely

Parents fearfully watching



Eldorado of the East

oltaire's Candide took his troubles to a land called Eldorado. It was built of gold and diamonds, surrounded by high mountains, inaccessible to the world. Its king and people were blessed with every joy. They had no crime or poverty. Maidens of surpassing beauty attended Candide wherever he went. "We have nothing to ask of God," said his host. "since He has given us everything we need." Nobody left that land - except Candide. It was, he said, "so unlike Westphalia".

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhu-tan is also unlike anywhere else. Lost in majestic mountains, it hides behind a red Buddhist cloak. There is only one town, the capital, Thimphu, where a 41-year-old king rules from the lofty monastery-fortress of Tashichoedzong. A single tarmacked road crosses a country the size of Switzerland. A permit is required in order to use it. There is very little The population is mostly subsis-

tence farmers living under a most austere regime. Traditional dress is compulsory. The slaughter of animals is banned, as are broadcasting and begging. There is one weekly government news-sheet. Tourism is limited to 5,000 permits a year, mostly for trekking. There is one style of architecture, enforced on every house, school, clinic and even the ment of the monarch is splendidly Voltairean: "We seek gross national happiness, not gross national My interest in Bhutan, from which

I have just returned, is in walking. Sandwiched between India, Nepal and China, the country is threequarters covered in virgin forest, an ecological purity unequalled in Asia. Mountain ranges are still coated in cedars and pines, soaring above the ubiquitous rhododendron. Valleys that could swallow the Grand Canyon plunge beneath a backdrop of Himalayan snowcaps.

With the overcrowding of Nepal and North India, Bhutan is the last refuge of escapist trekking. The old trails are frequented only by villagers and yak herdsmen. The epic "snowman trek", three weeks beneath the highest unclimbed peaks in the world, is regarded by connoisseurs as the toughest walk on Earth. (My own effort was confined to two weeks between Paro and Punakha, hot by day, freezing by night and not to be Bhutan is an enchanting land, but can counties Tories. In this pocket parait resist the temptations of modernity?

Yet nobody can visit this country and not ask precisely the questions his host would rather not be asked. Can any modern nation really insulate itself so desperately from outside influence, while struggling to modernise its economy? Bhutan's social infrastructure is that of pre-Reformation Europe. Outside the capital, the only settlements cluster round the gates of massive monastery castles, where monks live off the tithes and taxes of the peasantry. Each family "gives" a son to the monastery, to spend a lifetime chanting and spinning prayer wheels for the souls of the

departed. Not in the poorest parts of Africa or China have I seen such a complete ab-sence of machinery. Rice grown in val-ley bottoms is cut by hand, flayed and trampled underfoot. There are no mechanised vehicles. Cloth is spun

and woven by the wayside. Planks, attempting the old gambit. They sawn by hand and carried down mountains on yaks and ponies. The diet is rice, potatoes, chillies and cheese. Even in areas accessible to visitors, sanitation is primitive.

The result is the most picturesque "poverty voyeurism" I have encountered. The adjective medieval is much abused by travel writers, but for those wishing to glimpse a pre-industrial age. Bhutan is the place. And glimpse is the word. The monasteries have been closed to tourists for a decade, to avoid theft and excessive contact with the monks within. Only in the overseas aid encampment of Thimphu does the 20th century put in a hesitant appearance. Bhutan is not too proud to accept foreign largesse. It also permits the Indian army to help guard its Chinese border.

The trouble with isolation is that it cannot be willed piecemeal. The essence of theocracy is absolutism, not compromise. It is possible to walk through the forests of Bhutan and think oneself in the Tres Riches

missed by any serious Himalayan

Heures of the Duc de Berry. (We walker.)

Heures of the Loud Berry. (We encountered one of the king's four queens walking through the forest like an enchanted doll under a cloud of parasols.) Yet beneath the national costume peek Nike shoes. In the alleys of Thimphu, Western videos can be hired for pirate television sets. The tourist tap can be turned off, but aid workers stay, with their inflated salaries and subsidies.

Road repair is work that Bhutanese prefer to leave to Hindu navvies from Nepal. These migrants have no civil rights and are periodically expelled. They suffer what apartheid South Africa used to call racial "influx control". A population which,

15 years ago, was million has been massaged by expul-sion and redefinition down to some 600,000 "Bhutanese". The expulsions have been vicious, and led to riots in southern districts in 1990. The king and his advisers are

political control or sacrificing national identity. Until the 1960s, this was a wholly primitive state. It is no longer. Bhutan has abundant hydroelectricity. Its children are being educated through high school, their colourful uniforms thronging the mountain paths each day. There is even a health service. The king, who rejoices in the name

of Jigme Wangchuck, is no fool. He has seen what horrors random deforestation, cheap tourism and migration have wrought on Nepal. He has seen India absorb Sikkim and China absorb neighbouring Tibet. He knows that reform without liberalism has been the downfall of monarchies the world over. He is fortunate in his geographical isolation and comparative wealth. But he has a wary eye on the squatter camps of Nepal, the crowded barrios of Bangladesh and the dissidents' haunts in Assam. This autumn the Assam frontier was sealed for fear of infiltration.

Bhutan is at first sight the sort of

dise can be found a charming monarch, an unspoilt landscape, well-behaved children, smiling peasants, no beggary or crime, silenced dissent, an aversion to foreigners, a graceful architecture, courtesy and dignity on all sides. The whole country seems to epitomise mankind's civilised occupation of the Earth. Gross national happiness indeed, and to hell with gross national product. Why cannot the world all be like this?

Bhutan may be lucky. In one corner of a mountain pasture I came across an entire carpet of four-leaved clovers. The king may secure his marriage of past and present, at least for a time. The world may rally to reserve in amber the last redoubt of Mahayana Tantric Buddhism, especially when ruled by a monarch who. talks (and practises) the most assiduous ecological conservation. But the rest of the world is less able to cauterise the wounds of modernisation. It is afflicted with permeable boundaries and permeable minds. Other countries must accept the migratory poor, as they roam in search of food and security. Other civilisations, however heroic, must confront Western mass culture face to face in open combat, or they will be sabotaged and destroyed.

hutan's bid to turn itself in a monastery without walls is exotic. But it is plainly reluctant to show the courage of its convictions. It will not go the whole hog. If I were king of Bhutan, I would err on the side of safety. would close all borders, eject all tourists, refuse all interviews, send back UN aid and foreign workers, opt for true self-sufficiency. I would deny completely the temptations of the outside world. But Bhutan has not chosen this

route. Its rulers like the good thingsof life. They enjoy contact with outsiders. They want a well-schooled population, and a well-fed one. In other words, they wish to take only the good bits of the 20th century with them into the 21st. They want to have the world a la carte.

There is no such world. Voltaire's Eldorado was a satirical fantasy. Candide knew that the only true road led to Westphalia. The same must one day apply to Bhutan. I have been walking through a dream, a beautiful

A proper Charlie in Africa

Simon Barnes on

the white man's burden: idiocy

ow very refreshing it was to read that Prince Charles had managed to get things ever so slightly wrong in Africa. Getting it ever so slightly wrong in Africa is something English people have been doing for years. I know. I have, on more than one occasion, got it ever so slightly wrong myself. Prince Charles came to open a new

water supply for a village in Swazi-land, but decided it best not to drink the stuff himself. Oh dear. I couldn't help being reminded of the time I came up before Chief Kakoma to explain what I had been doing in his territory for the past week.

Kakoruz village is in the North West Province of Zambia, hard by the Zairean border. We knew this very well. Deep in the bush beyond Kakoma, we stopped at a settlement a few huts dripping in the pouring rain - and asked politely, er, where are we? The answer meant little.
"But are we in Zambia?" The lovely

laughter of Africa. "No. You are in Zaire." This was not a good situation. "We must go now," said Aaron Muchindu. "We must find out where we are." "Never mind where we bloody are," said Baron Robert Stjernstedt. "Stop if you see a bird."
With leadership of this calibre, it was hardly surprising that we found still more trouble. It came when we

got back to Kakoma, after a week of my cooking, pouring rain, a tent that had a vital part missing, a stove that leaked poisonous gas, and no light at all because by an oversight the paraffin can was full of water.

We were stopped by a group of people who were, they said, in charge. Who were we? What were we doing? Had we been to Zaire? Oh no. perish the thought. Spies? Smug-giers? Which? Come before Chiel Kakoma and explain yourselves. Chief Kakoma's hut was comfort-

able; we were not. We sat on foamfilled easy chairs of coffee-coloured plastic, and waited, fretting. Eventually the chief arrived: tall, crisp white shirt, a person of some presence, accustomed to easy authority and irritated that this inexplicable band had been on his patch for a week without troubling to explain itself.

"Well, there was this bird," said the Baron. "Pearson's cisticola. It hasn't been seen in the wild-since 1939 ..." The chief's countenance was stern. We had a Land Rover full of binoculars, telescopes, tape recorders, microphones, maps. We've been logging species re-

corded on each map square ... " The Four men in bush clothes: one Zambian, three Europe ans. Nice vehicle. A fortune in optical glass. Incomprehensible blather. It bothered him that he could not see at once what kind of no good it was we were up to.
"Show him the bird books." I

fetched a dozen volumes from the Land Rover. Page after page after page: birds and birds and birds. A million details of plumage and call. African biodiversity in full pomp. Mind-numbing stuff. And the chief thumbed though every book.

The grave basilisk stare at last

became a smile. First of derision: next of contempt; finally of pity. Spies? Dangerous men? No. Chief Kakoma, it was clear, now knew us exactly for what we were. Absolute and complete bloody idiots. Subjects of Prince Charles.

Thus another glorious chapter of the white man in Africa was written. Chief Kakoma shook us each by the hand and wished us a safe journey home. We never did find Pearson's

Life of Brown

HIS is attention of the unwelcome kind: Gordon Brown and his maissance charms are to be the subject of a biography by that excitable riter Nesta Wyn Ellis, author of John Major, a gushing accolade to the ian she dubbed "rampant" and "the velvet steamroller". "Gordon is so tractive," she purrs. "I know him socially - last time we met, he asked e if I was going to write another ography but I didn't let on that I

The Chancellor featured in Eli's last opus, Britain's Top 100 igible Bachelors, published in 94, which had to be pulped after a nel case. "He has become even ore attractive since then," she ntures. "Now he's not just warm, 's powerful too. Just like that ely John Major."

anted to do him."

Before Brown's life story, Nesta ans to churn out a manual of ternational bachelors - Prince bert of Monaco, perhaps even uentin Crisp. "Last time I was ished to include things that even't true. Never again." Hmm.



• NICK Brown, the Chief Whip, has been tidying up after a party at his Downing Street home. A casualty of the boozy bash was his favourite antique table — a pretty young female researcher, perching on the table, split it in two. Uh, oh.



● The Myth of Princess Diana: the degree course. The intellectual appetites of students at Berlin University are to be sated with a series of seminars covering key moments in the Princess's life ballet lessons, dormitory feasts, rows with Raine, you know the story - at the end of which students will be tested in a three-hour examination. "It's a study of her effect on people and the nature of fame," says a voice from the lecture theatre. "We've subtitled it 'Princess of Wales to Queen of Hearts"."

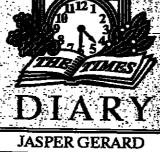
Wigley's glum

PLEASING these Welsh nationalists is a tricky business. Dafydd Wigley, MP, had grumbled to the House of Commons authorities that he wanted a big office, as befits a party leader. He declared that upon his return from a threemonth sojourn in the valleys, he ex-

pected a bigger office.

Greedy requests such as these, he has since learnt, do not wash with the stuffed shirts of Westminster. Arriving back, Wigley found the contents of his old office in the

OLD TIMES "Barbaric, bloodthirsty and unnecessary' was James Bar-rington's view of hunting in 1993. Now he has left the League Against Cruel Sports for the Wildlife Network, he says a hunting ban would be cruel and states the "bigotry" of abolitionists.

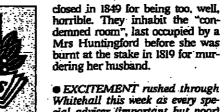


Norman Shaw Building stuffed into orange cases and shunted into the corridor. The man was homeless. And cross. "It was very inconvenient," he says. They had three months to sort me out - I call it pretty shoddy,"

 ONE of the capital's toughest bruisers was toasted in Mayfair this week Motley, the cat belonging to the otherwise delightful Susannah Amoore, director of Conde Naste, is notorious for filing his claws down the well-polished legs of dinner guests at her riverside house. Funny that in her captivating children's book Motley the Cat, the moggy is depicted by society artist Mary Fedden as the gentlest of souls. My shins can testify to the contrary.

Hard cell

THE Liberal Democrats have set up their HQ for the Winchester byelection in a disused women's prison. The bleak-looking nick was



Whitehall this week as every special adviser (important but poor) received a "confidential" letter from the BBC. Could this be that long-awaited job offer? Gloom when it turned out to be just an invitation to discuss a new news service over soggy croissants with wee Tony Hall, quite the drippiest blob to survive in broadcasting.

Bob dole

A LABOUR MP who campaigned against unemployment has sacked his research assistant. Bob Bliz-zard, whose election address promised "Labour will put 250,000 young people back to work", left a letter on Martha Eastcourt's desk to say that her services were no longer needed, after she had worked for six months without a contract. What a guy.

NEW TIMES
There are few places where television has not penaltated. and petrol stations were one such fertil. No longer Pumps in Seattle, America, are to be equipped with small video screens in case customers miss a lavourite programme





LOOKING very much at home. the aristocracy of new Labour-swept into Spencer House, the ancestral London pad of Diana's family, for a secret "Autumn Reception" courtesy of the Prime Minister on Wednesday. Mick Hucknall, Eddie izzard and Melvyn Bragg slapped the backs of victorious Labour MPs. The aim? To thank our spon-

the hiring of Spencer House was one heck of a thank you. The palace costs £10,000 a night. For some MPs it was the first Flint was most definitely in.



Companions: comedian Izzard; financier Rothschild PARTY TIME

time they had met Tony Blair. "We talked to the PM about his plans," gushed one newcomer. The venue allowed a curious onlooker to make his Labour debut — one Lord (Jacob) Roth-schild. "He popped in because he is landlord of Spencer House." says an aide to the financier, who used to be associated with the likes of Sir James Goldsmith. He saw little to alarm him from sors" for their support (read: Blair's crew. Tickets were sprin-money) during the election. And kled thinly among Labour MPs - a source of grumpiness.

Barbara Follett was out but

talented new member Caroline

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TRIAL AND ORDEAL

The Woodward verdict should be challenged but respected

For the second time in two years, an American court has produced a verdict that has stunned most observers. The outcome in the O. J. Simpson case was viewed as a travesty by, especially, white Americans. The very different conclusion to the trial of Louise Woodward has distressed almost everyone in Britain. It should be noted that Americans too have been shocked by the outcome. There will doubtless be ritual denunciations of the US legal system. It would be wise to pause for reflection before such condemnation.

This has certainly been a disturbing trial and there have been enough contentious aspects for a defence appeal to be credible. The possible political ambitions of the lead prosecutor, Gerard Leone, have been widely noted. The judge, Hillier Zobel, had a manner as eccentric as his surname. His reluctance to release certain medical statements to the jurors appears curious. The jury were denied by Miss Woodward's defence team the option of involuntary manslaughter. The judge had no choice but to impose a tariff of at least 15 years without parole. However, it should be recalled that the defence as well as the prosecution decided so to restrict the jury's freedom of manoeuvre. Many in Britain who might now be protesting the severity of this punishment have themselves supported the

principle of mandatory minimum sentences. Most of the comparisons made between this case and the trial of O. J. Simpson are false. The operation of the law in California and Massachusetts is as far apart as their shore lines. The two controversies share in common the television camera, intense outside interest, and a sensational outcome. In all other respects, the two are very different. The Simpson affair was characterised by seven factors: the power of celebrity; the sidelining of scientific evidence in favour dubious alternatives; the relationship

between wealth and the quality of legal defence; the shameless self-promotion of virtually all the leading lawyers involved; the distorting role of cameras in the court room; the polarised nature of public opinion; and a jury which in four hours dismissed evidence that had been laid out across several months. All seven conspired to turn what had seemed an open-and-shut case into a show trial with the Los Angeles Police Department, not Mr Simpson on the stand.

It was this combination that led many to see the trial as a condemnation of the entire American judicial system. That was harsh, because the defects it revealed were specific to California in general, and Los Angeles in particular. These features did not reoccur in Miss Woodward's case. Massachusetts law is of an impressive standard. It indeed derives strongly from English common law traditions. The jurors agonised for 27 hours. This was not a kangaroo court in a banana republic. There is a proper process which allows this verdict to be challenged. If Miss Woodward's cause is as compelling as most in Britain believe, then it will receive a full and proper airing.

This has been a heart-breaking ordeal in every dimension. The death of tiny Matthew Eappen was a terrible tragedy. The suffering of his parents has been powerfully displayed. Attempts to shift blame on to them simply for their decision to pursue medical careers and employ an au pair are vindictive and shameful. The quiet determination of Miss Woodward's parents has been moving. The defendant herself belied the impression of a child killer. Her reaction to the verdict will have scarred many souls. All human emotion has been exposed in the court room. The jury, ultimately, were entitled to their evaluation — they heard the whole case for three full weeks - most of their critics did not. This sad affair, though, is certainly not

ALL SAINTS

'As dying and behold we live!' (2 Corinthians 6.9)

November, traditionally the month of the dead long before Remembrance Sunday brought poppies and the memory of the dead of two world wars, begins for the Christian Church with a Janus-faced commemoration; today is the Feast of All Saints, tomorrow the Commemoration of All Souls. If the first reflects the light of heaven, the second is a reminder of mortality. Both are an expression of the love which remembers and does not forget or blot out the dead. Both recall us to the need to face and prepare for our own dying, and the death of those we love.

All Saints' Day witnesses to the effect of God in human lives. As such it is both challenge and encouragement. It invites us to examine our meaning and our motives, what we were made for, and how we may become that for which we were made. It challenges us to ask the question of human value and the common good.

Kierkegaard summed up the human enterprise as becoming "that man (or woman) that you are after the image of Christ Jesus our Lord". The saints, whether publicly celebrated or known only to those among whom they have lived, are the evidence that such a becoming is possible in the messiness of the world as we know it. Their lives witness to both the reality of God and the transforming character of his grace. The saints are indeed "the Saviour in His people crowned". In celebrating the saints first the martyrs who gave their lives for Christ, and then countless men and women of prayer and service and Christian vision the Christian church has celebrated for two millennia what St Paul calls Christ in you, the hope of glory. Two deaths have

dominated the public mood this year, that of Diana, Princess of Wales, and that of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa was accorded the status of a saint in her lifetime. Her single-minded work among the destitute and dying of Calcutta was a living expression of her devotion to the God, who in the self-giving of incarnation came down to the lowest part of our need. In the dying of the poor, she found and expressed the reality of a God who emptied himself even into the nothingness of the outcast and untouchable, and into the loneliness of dving that is the end of each and every one of us.

Mother Teresa's death like her life was set in the context and pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At her end she was commended to God in the hope of Easter Sunday. So too was Princess Diana. whose funeral drew the largest number of participants in the history of mankind. It was a funeral where the ancient symbolism of candles, the more recent offerings of teddy-bears and queues for books of condolence, marked a yearning to set a tragic death in the context of a larger story which could give it meaning. Christian funerals in earlier centuries took the journey from the place of death to that of burial as a sacrament of the more mysterious journey beyond death. The procession from London to Althorp, with crowds lining the way, was expressive in the same way.

The shot-silk of All Saints-All Souls reflects the human ambiguity of us all, setting that within the larger story of the One whom death could not hold, and whose Easter promise is that, where He is, there we, transformed into His likeness, may be

PEN V MOUSE

A good hand will still be an intellectual asset in Cyberspace

The handwriting may not be on the wall for handwriting after all. Our Education Correspondent reports the spectacular success of a Kent infants school that has introduced the French system of teaching handwriting, le graphisme. By this, from the age of 4, the children are taught manual dexterity, finger skills and finally joined up writing. By the time they are 7, all of them, even the dunces, are writing fluently and legibly. So many professional educationists and actual teachers want to observe this wonder that the school has to organise special viewing days, so as not to disturb its pupils.

A quick and legible hand is no mean accomplishment, especially in 1997. It conveys character, from which graphologists claim to be able to draw conclusions as remarkable as those of palmists. It is the one creative art that most people can aspire to. Individual medieval copyists can be recognised by their hands, and the declining class of writers of fine italic still take the breath away with the beauty of their writing. For the pen is the tongue of the hand - and a

fine hand is as eloquent as a beautiful voice. The death of handwriting has been declared many times before. The typewriter, the telephone, the ballpoint pen, the personal computer and e-mail are said to have superseded the pen. The young find it very hard to write bread-and-butter letters: but then they always did. Children are no longer taught copperplate in exercise books with lines ruled to mark the limits for ascenders and descenders. They write ball-and-stick

letters that are more like the print which will form the great majority of their reading.

Handwriting has been a popular art for only a blot in the long copybook of the history of man. For millennia before public education, it was an esoteric skill for which stonemasons and scribes, clerks and scholars were employed. In a large part of the world it still is. But man would lose something of value if the pen were finally to fade away as the sword has. A well-known hand can speak more eloquently than print or recorded message. The letters of such intimate writers as Dorothy Osborne, the Paston family and Queen Victoria travel through time far better in their original hands than in print. In the written word,

form says something as well as content. Familiarity with new technology may in fact teach children to appreciate order in their handwriting. The teachers of Herne infant school are to be congratulated on their French system of teaching to write. But we do not need to adopt the standardised French hand with crossbars on the 7s, Greek e's and little circles instead of dots on the i's. Disorder and individuality are characteristics of British handwriting as well as of the English Common Law and town planning. A French hand is as characteristic of France as grand architectural projects and the Code Napoléon. They smell of another country. So there is no need for a standardised single European script. But being able to make a good fist of things is as humane an art as surfing the Internet, and more personal.

on euro debate

From Mr George Thomas

Sir. For the past 25 years British pub-

According to all surveys the great majority have always been in favour of a common market if that means a reduction in barriers to trade and have supported co-operation in those areas where co-operation makes sense and does not unduly invade national sovereignty. There has been very little support for interference with our

Succeeding British governments have managed only to irritate both the British public and the European fed-eralists. New Labour already looks old hat in this respect but now the

Monetary union (reports and leading article, October 28; letters, October 21, 23, 27, 29, 30) may be the single most important muve towards federal government but it is only one of a plethora of less obvious initiatives. Unless the Government resists being dragged more and more into the miasma of EU rules, interference and expenses, we will not only become as uncompetitive internationally as the EU but will find ourselves outside the inevitable protectionist wall that they

Yours faithfully,

From Dr Gisela Hendriks

Sir, The statement by my colleague Professor A. P. Thirlwall (letter, October 29) that "the time can never be right to join a monetary union" ignores postwar realines both in Europe and in the international economy.

The concept of independent economic policymaking is an illusion and as outdated as that of a nation-state's

The single currency project to be put into operation in just over 15 months' time is a natural spill-over of the single market. Monetary union does not create a state of interdependence: it merely symbolises the depth of integration already present among mem-

Gordon Brown's acceptance of the principle of monetary union, while deferring the time of participation, is deplorable not least because it was made for the sake of short-term interests.

mic destiny of Britain will be bleak only because of the Government's decision to put Britain at the periphery of Europe's economic and political power centre.

Yours faithfully GISELA HENDRIKS (Lecturer in European Studies). University of Kent at Canterbury. Rutherford College, Department of Politics and International Relations, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NX.

From Mr Malcolm Oliver

ber 30) is simply wrong to assert that a single currency must have a single government.

From Mr A. A. de C. Hunter

Sir, Why has the new Tory leadership gone so horribly wrong over its policy on EMU? Of course Clarke, Heseltine and Hurd - all men of stature - are right. The Tories badly missed the bus in 1957 and they are today in serious danger of doing the same. EMU is patently coming and we need, in the interests of the nation as a whole, to be at the top table, influencing the way

Yours truly. ARCHIE HUNTER Southcombe Farmhouse, October 31.

From Mr Gerald James

Sir, When large international firms express their support for EMU, as undoubtedly many will over months and years to come, will we get assurance, that, say, identical General Motors models will sell for exactly the same number of euros in both Antwerp and Bristol, and that identical Marks & Spencer merchandise will cost exactly the same in euros in both Oxford Street and the Rue de Rivoli? It sounds like a satisfactory quid (or

Yours faithfully. G. JAMES. 3 Langton Court,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9KN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Hard pounding

lic opinion has remained remarkably consistent on Europe.

domestic laws and clear opposition to any form of federal state of Europe.

damage could be greater.

will need to erect.

GEORGE THOMAS, 17 Campden Hill Square, WS.

sovereignty.

ber states.

This is no time to dither. The econo-

Sir, Mr Robert Findlay (letter, Octo-

Until the UK and Eire joined the EEC, the respective pounds of the two countries were freely exchangeable at parity, without any concession to freedom of government action. Somewhat ironically in the present debate, it was only the pressures brought about by the differing responses of the Irish and British economies to EEC membership that forced the split and the introduction of the punt.

To this day, the Belgian and Luxembourg francs still act as parallel and interchangeable currencies, with no visible effect on arguably three national identities and governmental freedoms. The system is extraordinarily convenient for those who travel to both countries, although perhaps less so for the moneychangers.

Yours sincerely.
MALCOLM OLIVER, 26 Green Lane, Purley, Surrey.

Winsham, Chard, Somerset.

euro) pro quo.

Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Abbey statues and high cost of faith

From the Reverend Dr A. E. Harvey. Sub-Dean of Westminster

Sir. The questions raised by your correspondents (October 25) about the statues to be placed on the west front of Westminster Abbey may be answered as follows:

1. Why are no British martyrs among those to be commemorated? The purpose of these stances is to draw attention to the fact that this century has seen far more instances of violent death incurred through faithfulness to Christian beliefs and values than any other in the history of the Church. These ten martyrs are intended to be representative of countless others and were chosen to stand for the victims of the major incidences of persecution and oppression in every continent.

In Europe, the thousands who suffered under Soviet and Nazi rule are represented by three of the martyrs. In these islands we are fortunate to have had no experience of comparable persecutions. There have been, of course, British missionaries and others whose Christian faith has cost them their lives abroad: but we took the view that to be truly representative those chosen should be natives of the countries in which they were martyred.

2. The imputation of anti-Semitism to Maximilian Kolbe has been proved to be unfounded. Any anti-Semitic material that was printed in the many papers and journals for which he was responsible appeared while he was in Japan, was beyond his editorial control and was explicitly repudiated by

3. The project of filling the remaining ten niches which, though clearly intended for statues have been empty since they were built in the Middle Ages, has been approved and super-

vised by a distinguished panel of experts in art, architecture and history. We believe it will both enhance the west front of the abbey and speak eloquently of the vitality and the cost of Christian faith today.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY HARVEY Sub-Dean of Westminster, 3 Little Cloister, SWI. October 29.

From Ms G. E. Francis-Dehgani

Sir, Hazhir Teimourian's concern to preserve Westminster Abbey's architectural history is laudable. However, I believe he misunderstands the nature of Christian buildings.

Christianity has always preserved the past, whilst also allowing for new insights into the understanding of God. Places of worship, like belief itself, can never merely be monuments in stone. Furthermore, every individual church bears witness to the universal multicultural expression of Christian faith.

My own brother. Bahram Dehgani-Tafti, martyred in Iran in 1980, is commemorated in chapels at Canterbury and St Paul's Cathedral and I welcome the abbey's decision to honour ten other modern martyrs from so many nations. They will stand as a reminder of the countless who have remained faithful unto death.

Yours faithfully, GULI E. FRANCIS-DEHQANI, 8 Deodar Road, SWI5. October 25.

Sir, Angelica Goodden writes (article,

"A portrait of a truly British vice", October 27) that the early "trustees [of

the National Portrait Gallery], perver-

sely, ... thought that portraits of vil-

lains and criminals might serve an

instructive purpose". My recent re-

search in their archives would suggest

that, in the early years at least, this

Great care was taken in selecting

portraits for their moral and enno-

bling qualities. There was a strong

sense that murderers and villains

should be left for Madame Tussaud's.

Earl Stanhope (chairman of the trus-

tees, 1857-75) even went as far as to

believe that "a portrait of Tom Paine

There was, in addition, consider-

ought not properly to have a place".

able gratification that the chosen por-

traits had the desired effect. In a letter

to the trustees George Scharf, secre-

was far from the case.

The Holbein skull Quality of portraits From the Director of From Ms Elizabeth Coutts

the National Gallery

Sir, Your recent report (October 20) and correspondence (October 25) concerning the restoration of the famous distorted skull in Holbein's The Ambassadors make it clear that recovering the intentions of a long-dead artist is a complex and tentative business. However, your readers will not

need to rely on differing opinions in print. From November 5 they will be able to visit the gallery's exhibition Making and Meaning: Holbein's "Ambassadors". A key feature of the display is the making of distorted images, and visitors will be able to view other examples in addition to the skull.

Since The Ambassadors will be hung at what we believe may have been the original height, visitors will also be able to experience for themselves the ways in which the image of the skull may be resolved, both by standing to the right of the painting and, by viewing it through a glass cylinder.

Yours faithfully, NEIL MacGREGOR, The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 October 28.

tary of the gallery, reporting on the Easter Monday opening of 1863. wrote, "from first to last everyone was quiet and well behaved. It seemed

indeed as if the objects had an influence upon them. This was the force of well chosen moral individuals. Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH COUTTS

prayers in the pub.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE EDWARDS,

20 Fairways Drive, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

From Mr Christopher J. G. Macy

Sir, I do not know whether it remains

the custom, but in the early 1980s a

short Harvest Festival service was

held every year in the public house in

Ludgvan, near Penzance, in Cornwall.

intense at that hour, was suspended, hymnbooks borrowed from the

church were handed out, and the rec-

tor led the customers/congregation in

prayer and singing: after which the

books were collected again and drink-

ing resumed in an atmosphere of

There was not the slightest feeling

Walnut Cottage, Grosvenor Square.

At about 6.30pm drinking, not yet

(History teacher). 16 Pembridge Gardens, W2.

motorbikes, vicars at discos, and

Pravers and pints From Mr George Edwards

Sir. Your correspondent the Reverend Vaughan Roberts (letter, October 22) alas repeats the error of so many well meaning clergy since the Fifties and Reaching for more understanding

of young people through countless out-of-church initiatives, these well meaning vicars succeed in opening dialogue only to discover that young non-churchgoers are usually sensible. thinking people, who often live by the basic tenets of Christianity but not those of the Churches.

These clerics then try to measure their own success by the number of their new contacts who " ... are now

regular churchgoers." This, alas, is still the Churches' obsession. No matter how relevant or appropriate other forums for the expression or affirmation of belief might be, to the Church the only true measure of a person is whether they can be persuaded to go to church.

This is why we should all continue to fundamentally distrust priests on

Barbed comment From Mr J. D. Barrance

Sir, You report (News in brief, October 24) that an applicant for a job with Saleway supermarket was turned down because he had a beard, this being regarded by the firm as "unorthodox or unconventional". Do they apply the same rule to customers?

Yours hirsutely, J. D. BARRANCE, Pentre, Tregaron, Ceredigion. October 27.

Wrong address?

From Mr Ivan Slee

Sir, What puzzles me is why nowadays problems have to be "addressed", as if they were golf balls. Could they not still be considered?

Yours sincerely, IVAN SLEE, Twixtrees, 2 Kennard Road, New Milton, Hampshire. October 31.

of incongruity. Yours faithfully. C. J. G. MACÝ,

Quick calculation

From Dr Michael Senior

October 24.

Wellingore, Lincoln.

double satisfaction.

Sir, Yesterday you informed us (page 12) that Bill Gates is "the world's richest person". Today we are told (page 7) that the Sultan of Brunei is "the world's richest man".

I have considered the possible implications that the Sultan of Brunei is not a person, or that Mr Gates is not a man, but have ruled these out and concluded instead that The Times, up to the minute as ever, has calculated the overnight effects of yesterday's Wall Street slump.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL SENIOR, Bryn Eisteddfod, Glan Conwy, Colwyn Bay, North Wales. October 28.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

Verdicts on the Woodward trial

From Mrs Valerie Twiss

Sir. Each year UK colleges receive promotional material about au pair schemes in the US, to pass on to young students.

Only now, after the Louise Wood-ward trial (report, later editions, October 31), do 1, a senior manager, realise the awesome responsibilities which might be placed on adolescents on these schemes, and the tragic consequences if anything goes wrong.

The promotional material which was sitting on my college desk yesterday went straight into the hip. This will be the home of all subsequent similar material.

Yours faithfully. VALERIE TWISS, Kingsdene. Church End. Drayton Parslow, Buckinghamshire. October 31.

From Ms Jette Johst

Sir, As an inexperienced young mother, I remember shaking my baby in exhausted desperation over his refusal to stop crying, and being

frightened at my violent emotions. Child care is lonely. The prevailing attitude was that "these are the best vears of your life; enjoy your baby while you can .

Au pairs are a relatively inexpenve and readily available child-care solution. But are we right to ask a teenager to be responsible for a young

Yours faithfully, JETTE JOHST. Waldeck Pyrmontkade I. 3583 TW Utrecht, The Netherlands. j.johst@fsw.ruu.nl

From Mr Giles Herdman

Sir, The jury in the Louise Woodward trial was instructed to find the accused guilty only if the prosecution had proved their case beyond reasonable doubt. Was the 26 hours they took to deliver their verdict therefore due to unreasonable doubt?

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Yours faithfully, GILES HERDMAN. 149 Cambridge Street, SWI. October 31.

Hitler and Ypres

From Mr Martin F. Marix Evans

Sir, I wonder how Hitler decided what to put in his painting of Ypres (photograph, October 29). The view is, I think, looking up Rijelsestraat towards the Cloth Hall with the cathedrai tower to the left. The only time a German soldier stood here in the First World War, except perhaps as a prisoner, was during the first formight of October 1914, when a small German detachment entered the town.

Hitler made a number of paintings of Messines and the clumsy style shown in your reproduction is similar to that of the works shown to me by M Albert Ghekiere at the museum there. While this work may well be by Hitler, it is certainly not eye-witness evidence of the destruction.

Ypres was defended with outstanding tenacity and courage by the Australian, Belgian, British, French, Indian and New Zealand forces for four years. The town, though smashed by bomb and shell, never fell to the Germans.

I remain, Sir, etc. MARTIN MARIX EVANS (Author, Passchendale and the Battles of Ypres, Osprey, 1997). The Wilderness, Murswell Lane, Silverstone, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

From Mr Edward Reader

Sir, The painting that you reproduce today, attributed to Adolf Hitler and dated 1916, shows the ruined Cloth Hall and cathedral at Ypres as observed from within the town walls. After the salient was established

during the First Battle of Ypres in 1914 the Germans never entered the city. Hitler was indeed present at the first battle but left in 1915 and did not resume his duties on the Ypres front unul 1917. Hitler's paintings, although lacking in imagination and flair, generally

show a degree of competency of architectural detail lacking in this picture. In any case, by 1916 the tower of St Martin's Cathedral was more damaged than the picture shows.

There was a time when to own a picture attributed to Adolf Hitler was an "honour" much sought after.

Yours faithfully EDWARD READER. Bridge House, Whimple, Exeter, Devon. lector@globalnet.co.uk October 29.

Musical message

From Mr C. R. Devereux

Sir, Whilst I was visiting Boots the Chemist today in Norwich, the current hit single, The Drugs Don't Work by The Verve, was playing over the instore speaker system.

Were the management trying to tell us something? Yours faithfully, ROBIN DEVEREUX.

50 Wellington Road, Norwich, Norfolk.









COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 31: The Queen this morning
visited Royal Air Force Haltun,
Aylesbury, to mark the Seventy Fifth
Anniversary of the Royal Air Force
Apprentice Training Scheme, and
was received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Sir
Nigel Mobbs) and the Station Com-

(Group Captain David Walker).

The parade received The Queen with a Royal Salute, after which Her-Majesty inspeted the Escort Squadron and presented The Queen's Colour.

After the presentation Her Majesty addressed the parade and the Station Commander replied.

The Queen afterwards becomed

Commander replied.

The Queen afterwards honoured the Station Commander with her presence at Luncheon in Halton House Officers' Mess.

This afternoon Her Majesty visited the Defence Dental Agency Head-quarters and was received by the Chief Executive (Air Vice-Marshal

Ian McImyre).

The Queen later visited Kermode
Hall and was received by the Chairman, Halton Aircraft Apprentics
Association (Air Commodore Miched Emme Dath) ael Evans, Rerd), Her Majesty toured the new work-shops, viewing displays of Station activities, and subsequently attended

a Reception with Station personnel

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International es of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association. having crossed the International Date Line, this morning arrived in Wellington, New Zealand, to attend

board HMY Britannia, Glasgow

The Princess Royal, as President.

the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will launch the North and

West Glasgow Carers Centre's

Information Pack at Jury's Glas-

gow Hotel, Great Western Road, at 12.30; will visit the North and West

Glasgow Carers Centre, 1561 Great

Later, as President, Save the Children Fund, she will attend a

reception for volunteers, children,

young people and supporters on board HMY Britannia, Glasgow,

Western Road, Glasgow at 1.35.

TOMORROW:

TODAY:

October 3i: The Duke of York this afternoon visited the Thrust Super-sonic Car Team at the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency, Parinces Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the launch of the Children in Cities

CLARENCE HOUSE October 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning unveiled the Arctic Campaign Memorial Plaque in the Crypt of St Paul's Cathedral. Miss Jane Walker-Okeover and Sir

Alastair Aird were in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE October 31: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the Coronation of

morning attended the Coronation of King Lesse III in Maseru, Lesotho. His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived in South Africa. The Prince of Wales later attended a Reception for members of the British community at the Presidential Guest House, Pretoria. Guest House, Pressure
YORK HOUSE
October 31: The Duke of Kent,
Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited The Royal Scots Dragoon
Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) at
Weesex Barracks Fallingbostel.

His Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northoit

Trinity College Royal engagements of Music

The Princess Royal as President, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Card Carers Lord Puttnam was guest of honour at Trinity College of Music's Presentation Ceremony held yes-terday at St John's Smith Square, Centre, 16 Silk Street, Paisley, at 10.30; will visit Paisley University London. Honorary Fellowship of the college was conferred upon Lord Taylor of Gosforth (posthu-mous award), Mr Dennis Scard, in its centenary year and lay a foundation stone for a new library at High Street, Paisley, at 11.20; will visit Princess Louise Scottish Ms Diana Burrell, Dr Marion North and Mr Ian Wilson. Coun-Hospital (Erskine hospital), Bishooton, Renfrewshire, at 200: cillor Frances Blois, Deputy Lord and will open a new Royal Sailors' Mayor of Westminster, Mr Paul Rest, "Braiholm", 31 East Mon-trose Street, Helensburgh, Strang, Chairman of the Corpora tion and Board of the college and Mr Gavin Henderson, Principal of Dunbartonshire at 4.00. Later, as President, the Princess the college were among those Royal Trust for Carers, she will present hold a dinner and reception on

Baroness Scotland of Asthal

The life barony conferred upon Miss Patricia Janet Scotland, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Scotland of Asthal, of Asthal in the County of Oxfordshire.

Baroness Maddock

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Diana Margaret Maddock has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Maddock, of Christchurch in the County of Dorset

Dinners

Framework Knitters' Company Mr Robert Osborne, Master of the Framework Knitters' Company, presided at the annual livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Alderman Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins and Sir Francis and Lady McWilliams. accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests of honour. The Master, Mr D.G. Goodenday, Upper Warden, and Mr M.D.P. Turnbull, Under Warden, received the guests. Assistant Mr J. McA Dean, Sir Brian and Sir Francis, also spoke.

During the evening the Master presented certificates for the company's 1996-97 bursaries to Miss Georgia McKie and Mr John Arbon and the 1996-97 Benson Turner bursary to Miss Tracey Hunt. Among others present were: Sanderson of Bowden. bess Byford, the Upper Balilf's Weavers' Company and Mrs roon, the Master of the Woolmen's Company, the Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, the Head of the School of Fashion and Textiles, Royal College of Art, Mr B Groves and Mr G

Chambers of Mr James Townend, QC

in the Parliament Chamber of the Inner Temple to mark Mr James Townend QC's fifteen years as Head of Chambers of 1 King's Bench Walk, Temple, London.

of the City of London

Mrs Christine A. Dyer Simpson, President of the United Wards

Mr David Jones, Superintendent of the Corporation of London Parks and Gardens, also spoke.



Veterans of the Danish Resistance

A service of dedication of a memorial stone in honour of the support given by the Royal Air Force to the Danish Resistance Movement between 1940 and 1945 took place yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev David Mackenzie and

Pastor Søren Fahnøe of St Katharine's, Regents Park, the Danish Church in London, offici-The Danish Ambassador and

Mrs Poulsen, Viscount Slim, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, former pilots and veterans of the Danish Resistance Movement were among those present.

Luncheon

City and Guilds Mr Paul Wates, Chairman of Council of the City and Guilds of London Institute, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at I Giltspur Street, ECl, and presented awards of fellowship of the institute (FCGI) to the following: Professor Peter Bearman, Profes sor John Burland, Professor Roger Falconer, Mrs Pam Liversidge, Mr Vasant Manohar, Professor Alan Wilson. In absentia: Lord Dainton, FRS, Professor Torn Can-

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Umberto Agnelli, former Master, Magdalene Collformer deputy chairman, Fiat, 63; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, forege, Cambridge, 67; Sir Clifford Chetwood, former chairman, George Wimpey, 69; the Right Rev P.H.E. Goodrich, former Bishop of mer Lord Mayor of London, 63; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, FRS, former Master, Churchill Worcester, 68; Dr Ronald Hedley, former director, Natural History College, Cambridge, 78; Admiral Sir John Bush, 83; Miss Victoria de Museum, 69; Mr Paul Johnson, author, 69; Mr Alan Jones, racing driver, 52; Dr David Lea, trade unionist, 60; Dr Jack Leonard, chairman, British Technology los Angeles, opera singer, 74; Mr Michael Denison, actor, 82: His Honour George Dobry, QC, 79;
Miss Taneena Firth, designer, 62;
Mr Nigel Fox Bassett, former senior partner, Clifford Chance, Group, 66; Sir Bruce Martin, QC, chairman, NHS Lingation Au-thority, 59; Dame Pauline Neville-68; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 85; Mr Jones, managing director, NatWest Markets, 58; Sir Peter D.C. Hobson, former senior partner. Coopers & Lybrand, 75; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat, 74; Dr Margaret Hustler, Head-mistress, Harrogate Ladies Coll-ege, 48; Mr Andrew Knight, former executive chairman, News Newsam, former chairman, Com-Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh FRS, Rector, Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine, 63; Professor Norman Pye, geog-rapher, 84; Mr Ken Rosewall, International, 58; Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former MP. 72; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 100; Mr tennis player, 63; Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, KG, 70; Mr Bruce Welch, Shadows guitarist. Nick Owen, broadcaster, 50; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 62: Mr John Pullin, former rugby player, 55; Mr James Ramsden, former MP, 74; Mr Gerald Ramer, former chief 56; Mrs Rosalind Wright, director, Serious Fraud Office, 55. executive, Ratners Group, 48; Mr Nigel Stapleton, co-chaleman, Latest wills Reed Elsevier, 51; Lord Strabolgi; Clifford William Haworth, of

TOMORROW: Lord Ashburton. KG, 69: the Earl of Aylesford, 79: Lady (Maurice) Bathurst, dip-lomat. 77: Sir David Calcust. QC.

Service dinners The Naval Club

Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere pre-sided at a dinner of the Naval Club and the RNVR Officers' Association held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Ad-miral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald was the principal guest.

Royal Corps of Signals Major-General I.O.J. Sprackling. Master of Signals, attended the annual dinner in Scotland of The Royal Corps of Signals held last night at the Western Club, Glasgow. Major-General A.A.G. Anderson presided.

The London Scottish Regiment Colonel R.D. Holliday, Regimental Colonel of The London Scottish Regiment, presided at the annual Hallowe en dinner held last night at Regimental Head-quarters, London. Brigadier A.P. Verey and Major S.G. Young also spoke. Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Hayman-Joyce and the Very Rev John McIndoe, honorary chaplain, were among the guests. Sultans Armed Forces

The Ambassador of Oman and Major-General J.J. Phipps Were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Sultans Armed Forces Association held last night at the RAF Chub, Piccadilly, Colo-nel Nigel Knocker presided. Walter Gerald Loos, retired com-pany director, of London NWI, left

Forthcoming marriages

nd Miss A.H.L. Webb The engagement is announced between Captain Adam Spencer Ashmend-Bartlett, The Royal

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and Miss M. Brady
The engagement is announced
between Giles, younger son of the
late Mr. Christopher Fairmann
and of Mrs Angela Fairmann, of
Old Dalby, Leicestershire, and
Martina, daughter of Mr and Mrs
John Brady, of Blackrock, Dublin.
Mr A.M. Holloway,
and Miss J.L. Brown
The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Holloway, of Wimbledon, and Julia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Brown, of Chaldon, Caterham, Surrey. Dr A.M. Hynes

nd Miss L.N. Jones The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr and Mrs Martin Hynes, of Boxford, Suffolk, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Jones, of Cheltenham, Clourestershire. Mr N.J. Sturgess and Miss V.S.L. Penfold

The engagement is announced between Nigel, second son of Mr. and Mrs Bruce Sturgess, of Ockham, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J.B.L. Penfold, of Craigend House, Sterline. Mr C.J. Turner

and Miss K.J. Goodwin The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Turner, of The Hill, King's Pyon, Herefordshire, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Goodwin, of Knighton, Mr R.M. Heason and Miss L.E. Earle

The engagement is announced between Mark eldest son of Mr hetween Mark, eldest son of Mr Robert Henson, of Ermine House, Boothby Graffoe, Lincolnshire, and Mrs Colin McGarrigle, of Archway House, Kirklington, Newark, Nottingham, and Lucy, younger daughter of Lieuenant Colonel and Mrs Richard Earle, of Brick House Farm, Berden, Brick House Farm, Berden, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr I Smith and Miss K.M.A. Broadbent The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Smith, of Kenley, Sorrey, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Broadbent, of Shrewton, Wiltshire. Mr A.P. Warr and Miss A.L. Mummery

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Warr, of Whittlebury, Northamptonshire, and Allison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Mummery, of Douglas, Isle of

Marriages Don M. de Avendaño y Fisher

and Señorita R. Ramirez de Haro y Alós The marriage took place on Saturday, October 25, at the Church of Santiago de los Caballeros. Cace-res, Spain, between Miguel, youn-ger son of the late Señor Don Jose Luis de Avendaño y Porrua and the late Señora Doña Sheelah Louise Fisher de Avendaño, and Rocio, eldest daughter of the Marques and Marquesa de

Mr J. Gold and Miss E. Ratter The marriage took place on Fri-day, October 24, at Chelsea Reg-ister Office, of Mr James Gold, son of Mr Michael Gold and Mrs Susie Faux, to Miss Elisabeth Rattee, daughter of Sir Donald and Lady Rattee.

Cambil, of Trujillo and Madrid.

Anniversaries

TODAY: BIRTHS: Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1500; Stephen Crane, author of The Red Badge of Courage, Newark, New Jersey, 1871; L.S. Lowry, painter, Manchester, 1887; Edmund Blunden, poet and straight and part of 1506. writer, London, 1896. DEATHS: John Raddiffe, physician, Carshalton, 1714: Alexander

Cruden, author of Biblical Concordance, London, 1770; Ezra Pound, poet, Venice, 1972; King Vidor, film director, California, 1982_ Today is All Saints Day (All

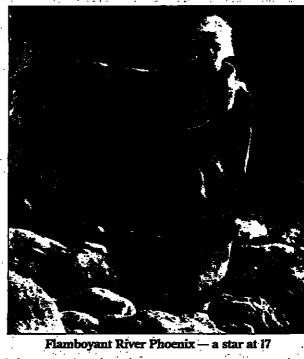
Hallows' Day). The first radio licences went on sale in Britain at a cost of ten shillings (50p), 1922. The first stretch of the MI was

Boone, frontiersman, Pennsylva nia, 1735; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, Vienna, 1755; Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, Sydney, 1877. DEATHS: Jenny Lind, soprano, Malvern, 1887; George Bernard

TOMORROW: BIRTHS: Daniel

Shaw, dramatist, Ayot St Law-rence, Hertfordshire, 1950; James Thurber, humorist, New York, 1961. The Daily Mirror was first published, 1903. Lord Balfour made his declaration regarding a Jewish homeland in Palestine, 1917.

Ras Tafari was crowned Haile ie, Emperor of Ethiopia, in Addis Ababa, 1930. The world's first high-definition television service began from Alexandra Palace, London, 1936.



Chambers held a dinner last night

United Wards' Club

Club of the City of London, presided at a founders' day dinner held last night at Skinners' Hall to mark the 120th anniversary of the

ON THIS DAY FILM STAR RIVER PHOENIX DIES AT 23 By BEN MACINTYRE

November 1, 1993

adolescent in the 1986 film Stand By Me, died suddenly in the early hours yesterday, after collapsing outside a Los Hollywood reacted to River Phoenix's Angeles nightclub. The police have refused to comment on the cause of death, pending a postmortem examination, but homicide

detectives have been called in to investigate. "It is unusual for someone of that age to die like this," a police spokesman The actor's companions said that he was acting strangely immediately after

gained instant fame for his role as an

leaving the Viper Room club in west Hollywood, but declined to say whether he had been taking drugs. Phoenix slumped unconscious on the

pavement outside and died less than an hour later in hospital. "We are awaiting the results of an autopsy," a spokesman for the Los Angeles County sheriff's department said. "There is no way of

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death at 23 with a display of grief that had not been since the silent film star Rudolph Valentino died nearly 70 years earlier, according to one commentator

knowing what precipitated his death. He was in the prime of his life." Phoenix played the part of Chris Chambers, the unkempt, chain-smoking

youth in Rob Reiner's acclaimed Stand By Me, about a gang of boys who find a corpse. More recently he starred in the 1991 Gus Van Sant film, My Own Private Idaho, in which he played a transient street prostitute.

He also had roles in Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Mosquito Coast and Sneakers, and was due to co-star with Tom Cruise in the forthcoming film adaptation of the Anne Rice novel

Interview with a Vanapire. At 17 he was nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actor for his release the son of two radical fugitives in Running on Empty. River Phoenix was born in Oregon.

returning to America in 1981. He was named after the river of life in Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha. His parents, who met while hitch-hiking and became missionaries for the Children of God sect, named his sisters Rain, Liberty Butterfly and Summer. His brother was named Leaf.

☐ Two weeks after River Phoenix's death the Los Angeles county coroner's office reported "acute multiple drug intoxication ... lethal levels of cocaine and morphine." The levels of both were so high that either could have killed him.

There was no evidence of alcohol in his body. Phoenix did not drink. He was a vegan, a strict vegetarian, who ate no meat, fish, fowl or dairy products. He was a fanatic of good health and clean living. Yet ironically he succumbed to the young Hollywood philosophy that drug-taking was not a contradiction of these ideals.

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I asked the angel, "My lord, who are these?" He replied, 'They are those who have had aske their mortal dress and put on the immortal, those who acknowledged the make of God". 2 Esdras 2x: 44,45 ATKM - On October 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Elema and Dougha, a son, Michael James, a brother for Peter. DAVIS - On October 25th in Tokyo, to Caroline (née Mareh) and Simon, a daughter, Kate Virginia Jane, a sister for Timothy. emone for Timothy.

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for Joshua. general general conference of the Fortland Rospital, to Christopher and Judith, a daughter, Sophia Grace, a sister for Patrick. LEVY - On October 26th, to Clare (née Suckling) and Street a describer, importe LEWIS - On October 27th 1997, to Sibby (née Salter) and George, a drughter, Jude Gabriella. ALIK - On 30th October at Park Hospital, to an (née Foster) and beautiful son, Oliver Preser.

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ROSS - On October 27th at The Portland Hospital, to Leigh (see Shephend) and Ros, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth SARKA - On October 28th at The Fortland Hospital, to Dania (née Debs) and Kastein, a son, Mohamed, a brother for Saria. 2005-2016 - On September 14th 8t The Portland Hospital, to Maria and Ayman, a daughter, Yasuin Louise. DEATHS

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MANDEN: My brave beloved husband. Charles, on October 30th in great transpolity at home with his wife, Elizabeth Ann and loving daughters, Lucinda, Alexandre, Grace and Georgia. He was respected by all and loved by most who knew him as Headmanter of Windlesham House, 1957-1994. Funeral Service at Sensen Church at 11 am on Wednesday 5th November. These will be a memodal service inter. Please no flowers but he wished any desations to be sent to the Cornwall Californ's Hospital Appeal, Royal Cornwall Children's Hospital Appeal, Royal Commell Hospital, Truso.

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DEATHS Miles - Richard Theodore
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GLIVER - Dr. Desmond Gewald (Des), F.R.C.F. (London) F.R.AC.F., peacefully at home in Horton-cum-Studley, Caffordakins on 25th October 1997. Beloved hasband of Shella, he was Director of the Oxford Remail Unit from 1967-1995. A private fuseral will be held at St. Barnahas' Church, Horton-cum-Studley, today Saturday lat Novatzber. A Massocial Service will be held these. Baytrices Cafford Remail that the (01865) 226603.

PARKER - Anthony John, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Reil, Mgel, Guy, Faul, Expert and Hilszyjane, suddenly but October 1997. The funeral service will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Horsham, West Sussox at 11am on Thursday 6th November, before private cremation. Enquiries to Freeman Eachers, Funeral Directore, tel: (01403) 254590.

PAIR. - Elicen Mary Imelia passed sway peacefully on 22nd October 1979, wife of the late Srian Paul of Liphock, Hampshire and the late Colonel Christopher Triff Stephenson of the North Staffordshire Regiment, mother of Christice and Chipper and grandmother of Tanya and Codin Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday 12th November 1977 at 430pm. Flowers welcome. All enquiries to Mesers Wood Nash and Kimber Solicitors (Ref. EC), tel: (0171) 242-7322.

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SCOTT - On October 31st peacefully at Pendean. House, Midburst, Eleanor Mary Fadómma aged 91, designing of Sir George Scott KCLE (Burms). Teacher of History at the Goldolphia and Latymer School 1933-65. Cremation private. Demarkous if wished to the Council for the Protection of Rural England, Sussex Examel, e6 Messus. Lintett, Midburst, West Sussex. STANTON - Devel Gordon suddenly at home on 29th October. Dearly loved husband of Dee and much loved father of Barry and Roger. Pounsals N Mary's, Streatley, 7th November 11am. Family flowers. Donations for HWLI of C.H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Reeding 264 Offa.

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SYDNEY NEWMAN



Sydney Newman, television drama producer, died on October 30 aged 80. He was born on April 1, 1917.

lthough he was born and spent much of his life in Canada. Sydney Newman will be renembered as a pioneer of "realistic drama" on British television, "When I came to Britain in the 1950s," he said, "I was sure that British television should reflect the nation's social changes, and that my own productions must be made for the very people who owned the

television sets — the working class." During his Toronto childhood he developed a passion for every form of visual art, and his main hobbies as a boy were drawing, painting, and cinema-going. His first job was to design posters for the cinema and the theatre. Sconafterwards, and very ambitiously, he went to Hollywood, where Walt Disney, impressed by his graphic work, offered him a job. Unfortunately he could not get a work permit, but on his return to Canada he soon became the highest paid graphic artist of the National Film Board of Canada.

John Grierson, who headed Canada's Film Board, was the greatest influence on Newman's work. Grierson soon noticed-

his potential, and in 1944 Newman became the producer of the wartime propaganda series Canada Carries On. Three years later he was granted an attachment to NBC in New York, where he gained his first experience of television production, especially in drama, docu-mentary and outside broadcasts. Returning to Canada in 1952, he became an executive at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The early 1950s are regarded as a golden age of American television drama, and Sydney Newman was deeply influenced by what he saw, realising for the first time that television was much more than showbiz. Among the plays he remem-bered most of all were Paddy Chayelsky's Marty, Reginald Rose's Twelve Angry Men, and Gore Vidal's Visit to a Small Planet. Television was now the medium for new writers, actors and directors," he said. "If Shakespeare were alive today he'd be working for television."

Newman came to Britain in 1954, but for the next few years he failed to find really rewarding work. In 1957, he went to the Royal Court with Michael Barry, the BBC's head of television drama, to see Look Back in Anger, a play he came to regard as "the dazzling light on my own road to Damascus". He was fascinated by social life in Britain in the late 1950s. and wanted passionately to make plain statements to a mass audience, falsified neither by sentiment nor doc-trinaire beliefs. He believed that the main value of contemporary drama should be an "agitational contemporaneity" though of course that in itself is doctrinaire.

His great opportunity came in 1958, when ABC Television put him in charge of the Sunday night drama series Armehair Theatre, which was in direct competition with the BBC's Sunday Play. His first transmissions began early in 1959, and later in the year Armchair Theatre was in the Top Ten for 32 weeks out of 37, with an average audience of 12 million.

He built up a team of directors who shared his views: Wilfred Eades, the Canadian Ted Kotcheff, Herbert Wise and John Moxey. Among the dramatists he approached were Harold Pinter and Alun Owen, the Liverpool playwright whose work he had first seen at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. The result of his meeting with Owen was No Trams to Lime Street, followed by Lena O My Lena, both directed by Kotcheff, "Sydney's main theme", Owen said, "was always the changing face of Britain, and of course I went along with that myself."

It was typical of Newman and his directors to employ regional actors, such as Billie Whitelaw, rather than players from the West End. Newman contributed to many other programmes in ABC's drama output - especially The Avengers - but his main concern was always Armchair Theatre.

He had many jealous admirers at the BBC, where the drama output in the late 1950s rarely reflected the social issues of the time, subjects that were usually left to documentary makers. When Sir Hugh Greene became Director-General of the BBC in 1959, he felt the Corporation "must get away from the middle-class view ... we can only bring about change, and change in people's minds, by shocking them, by showing them things they don't really like, but ought to know about." The opportunity for change came in 1959 when Michael Barry left the BBC. A year later,

Newman took his place. In the words of one of his successors at the BBC, "he hit us like a whirlwind". He soon broke the drama department into three separate units: plays, series and serials. He promoted the realistic attitude of such writers as Jeremy Sandford, Nell Dunn and David Mercer, and such producers and directors as Ken Loach, Tony Garnett and Kenneth Trodd. Oldfashioned drama was abandoned in favour of memorable productions including Cathy Come Home, Up The Junction and In Two Minds.

In other areas of drama Newman was less reliable - though he was always proud of devising Dr Who - and he remembered his initially hostile reaction to a "crazy proposal" by Donald Wilson to serialise The Forsyte Saga in 26 parts. At the end of his BBC contract in 1967.

Newman decided to move into feature films, but a brief period with Associated British Productions was a failure, and in 1970 he returned to Canada to take up executive posts with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the National Film Board of Canada. Lacking the opportunity for personal creativity, he was unhappy. He returned to London in the early 1980s, and tried vainly to persuade Channel 4 to accept a series about the Bloomsbury Group. His last British production, also for Channel 4, was of Benjamin Britten's children's opera The Little Sweep, and he returned

to Canada in 1990. He became a fellow of the Society of Film and Television Arts in 1958, and a fellow of the Royal Television Society in 1990. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1981. He is survived by their three daughters.

POPPET POL

Poppet Pol, daughter of Augustus John, died on October 22, aged 85. She was born on March 9, 1912.

POPPET POL was the first daughter of Dorelia and the artist Augustus John - he had seven sons, five of them by his first wife, Ida - and was the last surviving child from that remarkable union.

She was born at Alderney Manor, Dorset, and was formally named Elizabeth Anne, but her nine-year-old half-brother. Caspar - who was destined to be a First Sea Lord - thought her a "little poppet", and the matter was

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John would not allow his daughters to be spoilt by any schooling, and due perhaps in part to this she developed no intellectual interests, preferring to spend her days on horseback around the Dorset heathland and-playing amaz-ing games with her halfbrothers. From her father she inherited a zest for life and quick temper; from her mother came a complete lack of sentimentality.

Augustus John was fashionable and much sought-after during the 1920s. Poppers ould be solvent the control of the contr vast studio in Chelsea, or at their magnificent new home on the edge of the New Forest. Fryeri Court. Dancing became an essential part of her youth, as did the long hours of posing for her father. This may have been an ordeal, but some of his best portraiture

wás óf hís children: A particularly tender "quattrecento" portrait of Poppet at eight survives, only because Dorelia pulled it from the liames of one of his periodic. bonfires. Decades later, when he saw it hanging in his daughter's flat, he was astonished, and thought rather highly of it.

In the portrait shown here from the 1930s, she is dressed in a top hat and the colours of the Beaufort Hunt, looking unashamedly arrogant. She delighted in calling it "my snooty look". In another she is caught in one of her natural gestures, head thrown back: but in real life she would have been laughing.
If Caspar's decision to join

the Navy at 13 was his way of escaping his father's alarming moods and chaotic lifestyle, Popper's marriage to a mil-lionaire at 18 could be taken as symbolic of her escape. Derek Jackson was an intriguing character, a physicist and amateur jockey (good enough for the Grand National), and Poppet was the first of his six wives. The marriage started well enough, hunting and partying, but the pace of life created tensions and they were divorced, on good terms, after five years. Her natural vivacity and good looks ensured that she was never short of male admirers: her younger sister, Vivien, would give her a mocking farewell: "See you at the Ritz!" There were evenings, too, at the Gargoyle Club in Soho and a dash to New York. She befriended an extraordinary number of characters, among whom the most notable were Dora Carring

Her second marriage, to Villiers Bergne in described by her as "a mis take", ended in divorce in 1945. The happiest years were to come with her marriage in 1952 to Willem Pol, a charming Dutch painter who had survived the horrors of a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp on Java. They moved to Ramatuelle in the hills near St Tropez. In those days water had to be collected from a fountain, and buckets emptied in "loo land", but Poppet delighted in the untamed landscape of the Var. and eventually they created a love-

ton, Diana Cooper, Frederick

shion and Hemy Green



ly home among the vineyards below the village, Bastide des Fanaux.

Poppet was now stepmother to Talitha, who had been interned on Java and whose beauty and charm belied a deep insecurity. Poppet gave her all the love she needed, and in 1966 Talitha married Paul Getty Jnr. Poppet and Pol (never

"Willem") visited them at their crumbling palace in Marrakesh, arriving in the middle of the night. "It looked like a palace from the Arabian Nights: the garden was lit up and inside a huge fire burnt at each end of the main room

. . . We dined in a different

room every night." Talitha and Paul's son Tara was born in 1968, but following Talitha's early death in 1971 he came to live at the Bastide. From the age of four he grew up to call Poppet (his

step-grandmother) "Mummy", and she and Pol devoted the rest of their lives to caring for him. Poppet was a marvellous cook - mealtimes were always something special and after Pol died in 1988 the Bastide continued to expand under Tara's direction, taking care not to spoil the unique atmosphere of a lovely home which Popper and Pol had created from a one-room

dwelling in a vineyard.

SAMUEL FULLER

Samuel Fuller, American film director, died in Los Angeles on October 30 aged 86. He was born on August 12, 1911.

SAM FULLER was a master of the B-movie. In a succession of war films. Westerns and thrillers, he transcended the limitations of low budgets and popular genres. Distinguished by their strong, often sensa-tional plots, delivered at a cracking pace, his films were never afraid to explore the darker side of life.

Fuller's work was long dismissed as crude and melodramatic, but during the 1950s he was discovered by the critics and film makers of the nouvelle vague in France. He became the idol and inspiration for a generation of young intellectual European directors, from Jean-Luc Godard to Wim Wenders and Rainer Werner Fassbinder.

During a cameo appearance as himself in Godard's 1956 film, Pierrot Le Fou, he defined his approach to the cinema with characteristic force: The film is like a battleground. Love, hate, action, violence, death. In one word -- emotion!"

Fuller was born in Worcester. Massachusetts. The familv moved to New York after the death of his father and he iascinated world of newspapers. He sold papers in the street for a while, and at 17 was the city's youngest crime reporter.

Material gathered then, and in subsequent travels during the Depression, went into short stories and pulp novels. and these led to work in films as a script writer. In 1942 he joined the United States Army and served in North Africa and Europe, winning several decorations. He returned to the cinema after the war and made his debut as a director with I Shot Jesse James in 1948

His newspaper background



and his war service were both important influences on Fuller's work. He declared that "my camera is my typewriter" and his films had the punch and energy of tabloid journalism. He paid tribute to the press in his 1952 film Park Row, and twice pulled off cinematic "scoops": The Steel Helmet (1951) was the first Hollywood treatment of the Korean War and China Gate. in 1957, anticipated American

involvement in Vietnam. War was Fuller's favourite subject, his other treatments of it including Fixed Bayonets, Hell and High Water, and an uncompromising picture of the jungle conflict in Burma. Merrill's Marauders. His anitude was the direct and unsentimental one that war may be brutal and shocking, but it

was also necessary. His excursions into thriller territory had a similar impact, from Pickup on South Street (which reflected the Red scare in America in the early 1950s) to House of Bamboo and the bleak revenge drama Under-world USA. Among several incisive Westerns, the best was Run of the Arrow (1957), in which a former Civil War

soldier is captured by Indians

and tries to absorb their culture.

Fuller's most productive period was during the 1950s and early 1960s. Though hampered by tight budgets and unable to call upon big stars. he did manage considerable freedom of action, since his films did not attract the same scrutiny as expensive prestige productions. He was usually his own writer and producer.

But as the B-picture fell victim to the contraction of Hollywood, Fuller found it hard to set up new projects. There was consolation in the tors, and he appeared as an actor in Wenders's The American Friend and The State of Things and Steven Spielberg's

In 1980, after a long gap, Fuller returned to directing with The Big Red One. a subject close to his heart about the progress of four infantrymen through the battlefields of Europe during the Second World War. It was followed by White Dog, a fable about racial bigotry, and Thieves of the Night, a love story made in

He is survived by his wife, Christa and their daughter.

BEN HERVEY-BATHURST

Ben Hervey-Bathurst, OBE, landowner, died on October 18 aged 77. He was born on March 27, 1920.

A SURVIVOR of that fast disappearing breed, the English county landowner, Ben Hervey-Bathurst ran the Eastnor Estate in Herefordshire for most of the last 50 years. He was particularly good at developing new activities, and dur-ing his time in charge of the estate he transformed it into an unusually diverse enter-

The property had passed to his first wife. Elizabeth Somers Cocks, on the death of her father, Lord Somers, in 1944. It was in a rundown condition typical of many estates at the ne, with the best land let, most cottages unmodernised and Eastnor Castle emptied for the war and neglected. . Gradually, as farms were

ken in hand under Hervey-Bathurst's direct management, the estate began to pecover; what differentiated his approach from others, however, was the way he encouraged others to use the estate. These included the Regular Army and the Special Forces, agricultural engineers testing tractors and combines, and visiting caravans.

The castle itself was used, inside temperatures permitting, by some local companies and charities, and was first used as a film location in 1968. The most notable guests, some 30 years ago, were Land Rover engineers keen to test their products on Eastnor's steep banks and muddy tracks. The elationship with Land Rover blossomed, and Eastnor is



now an integral part of the company's marketing and engineering programme, hosting well over a hundred events every year.

The younger son of Sir Frederick Hervey-Bathurst. who fought at Omdurman and in the Boer War, Benjamin Alexander Frederick Hervey-Bathurst was educated at Éton before temporarily breaking with the family's military tradition by going up to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1939 to read history. Graduating after two years (because of the war), he was commissioned, like his father, into the Grenadier Guards, serving initially as a weapons training instructor at Windsor.

He first saw active service in 1943 after the invasion of Italy. He was wounded in the leg on a night patrol near Monte Cassino, and sent hack to Algeria to recover. He was then able to detach himself from regimental duties, and was recruited into the Special Operations Executive. As a fluent French speaker, he took part in the American landing in the South of France in August 1944, being attached to the US Forces as a liaison officer with the local French Resistance. In the Allied advance north Hervey-Bathurst chose his billets carefully and became friendly with a number of families, including the Latours near Beaune.

His proudest achievement in France, however, was to persuade an American general to release some Russian Cossacks. They were destined for an uncertain fate in the Soviet Union, but the general agreed to bend the rules in exchange for some steaks which Hervey-Bathurst had procured from a local contact on the black market.

Hervey-Bathurst then joined Force 136, and was sent first to Calcutta, where he supported SOE officers in the Far East. He then went to Ceylon to work in Mountbatten's headquarters, liaising between leading Thai dignitaries and the Allies. After the liberation of Thailand, he transferred to Bangkok and was attached to the Foreign Office.

After returning to Britain in 1946 he married, and the following year he and his wife moved to Eastnor after he had attended the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and a farm-mechanisation course at Coventry.

It took years of hard work to revitalise the estate and to make at least the private quarters of the castle more comfortable. At first many hours were spent positioning buckets to catch drips from the leaking roof, and defrosting even internal pipes. Inevitably, during those years of high investment and taxation, some property and works of art had to be sold, but prudent management and a low-key lifestyle kept these to a minimum. But Hervey-Bathurst never

held back with the hospitality and assistance he offered to everyone visiting Eastnor. As Land Rover used the estate more and more, his help in the entertaining of guests played an important role in the company's sales pitch. The restoration of the castle and

the estate owes much to the

commercial benefits of this

relationship.

Hervey-Bathurst was appointed OBE in 1984. He was on the Committee of the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, and for a time president of the Herefordshire Country Landowners Association, In 1955 he was president of the Three Counties Show, the agricultural show for Herefordshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. He was also a Deputy Lieutenant of

Hereford and Worcester.

Courteous and generous,

Hervey-Bathurst was a true countryman of considerable knowledge and physical stature. Though sometimes rather grand - he was a proud member of the Garrick Club he took pleasure in working with his employees whenever he could, and in studying the local dialect. He also appreciated the fine arts and music; latterly, rather than field sports, his hobby was going to the London sale rooms, where he picked up the occasional bargain. He had a very strong sense of duty and a profound Christian faith; he treated

everyone equally. His first wife died in 1986. He is survived by his second wife, Anne, to whom he was very happily married for five years, and his two sons from his first marriage and three

MILESTONES

Princess Paul of Yugoslavia died on October 15 in Paris aged 94. She was formerly Princess Olga of Greece. She was born on June II, 1903.

As a child, Princess Paul played with the children of Tsar Nicolas II. She was the



eldest of three daughters of Prince Nicholas of Greece. and her mother was Princess Helen. The family was forced into exile in 1917. They lived in Switzerland, but returned to Greece after a plebiscite in 1921, but in 1922 her father was again forced to abdicate. In 1923 she married Prince Paul of Serbia, who was Regent of Yugoslavia from 1934 to 1941, after the assassination of King Alexander. The couple also made visits to Mussolini and Hitler, which were to haunt them when they came to Britain in 1942. After the war they lived principally in Florence.

Prince Paul died in 1975. Obituary published October 28.

Sir John Farr, MP for Harborough, 1959-92, died on October 26 aged 75. He was born on September 25, 1922.

man on whom the Tory

Whips could rely. He re-belied on everything from

increased school bus fares

Although many saw him as a mildly blimpish figure. Sir John Farr was certainly a blimp with a strong social

> and higher petrol taxes to his party's treatment of pensioners. His own policy for the elderly included half-price television licences and cheap transport nationally. He had inherited a sizeable fortune from the family's brewery interests and was a substantial Lloyd's name during the insurance market's good years. He had a good war and was married to a baronet's daughter. His knighthood, when it came in 1984, only confirmed the role in which Westminster had always seen him. He was a right-winger but pro-European and tolerant of the opinions of others, Obituary published

October 30.

George Forrest, Wykeham Professor of Ancient History at Oxford University, 1977-92, died on October 14 aged 72. He was born on September 24, 1925.

George Forrest was a distinguished historian of Ancient Greece, as well as an inspirational teacher. He went up to

New College, Oxford, as a scholar after war service, took a double first, and was elected to a tutorial fellowship in ancient history at Wadham. The Warden of Wadham, Maurice Bowra. with his unerring eye for uncommon promise, told him to begin his fellowship conscience. He was never a by going to Greece. He did and he was to return again and again for the rest of his life. His seminal articles on archaic Greece began to appear in the mid-1950s, and he published The Emergence of Greek Democracy in 1966 and A History of Sparta in 1968. After several college



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posts at Wadham, he was appointed Wykeham Professor in 1977. He also inherited the trusteeship of the Chalet des Malèzes in the French Alps, to which reading parties had gone from Balliol and New College for many years. He was to continue the tradition right up to this summer.

Obituary published on October 29.

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Levitt on \$1m bail as transatlantic row escalates

By Jon Ashworth

ROGER LEVITT was freed on \$1 million (£600,000) bail yesterday, as the circumstances surrounding his proposed extradition from America threatened to escalate into a fullblown international row.

The Department of Trade and industry (DII) was accused of misleading the courts in the US and the UK in its eagerness to secure the former financial adviser's return. It is to face having the legality of its case

Representaives from the Home Office and US Government have been subpoeaned to attend. Mr Leviti was arrested at his New

York office last week at the request of the DTI, which is seeking to prosecute him in the UK for allegedly furnishing a false explanation of documents to DTI inspectors. The DTI opposed bail on the grounds that Mr Levitt was likely to abscord, but saw its case crumble after admitting in the High Court in London on Thursday that he was being unlawfully held. The alleged

offence is not covered by the US-UK hit out at the DTI for repeatedly

extradition treaty.

The DTI pressed for onerous bail conditions, demanding a \$10 million bond, and insisting Mr Levitt be fitted with an electronic tagging device. In the event, he was ordered to lodge \$1 million, secured against his Manhattan apartment and was

required to surrender his passport. Lawyers for Mr Levitt said the conditions were tantamount to house arrest, and said: "He might as well have been fitted with a ball and chain." Earlier, a High Court judge

changing its tune in seeking Mr Levitt's return. While admitting that he had been wrongfully arrested, it at first suggested that he might be brought back under a special arrangement. Yesterday, it changed tack again, saying extradition was still possible, since the US took "a more liberal view" of the legal issues in question. The legality will be examined in an imminent High Court hearing John Causer, coun-

sel for Mr Levitt, said: "The DTI is

shifting its ground with practically

every minute that passes. Today, they are saying we can ignore the Extraortion Act. If that were to happen, the US will never ever send anyone back to this country again."

Mr Causer said the case was likely to go to the House of Lords, and possibly Europe. He said: "It provides an opportunity to explore an area of law that has never been investigated before - a challenge to an inward extradition. No matter how had a villain Mr Levitt might be deemed to be, it does not justify this kind of use of legal machinery

Levitt, accused the DTI of saying one thing in London, and another in New York, and called on them to admit their mistake. Claire Montgomery, QC, for the DTI, said Mr Levitt was being held lawfully. The judge, Mr Justice Ognall, replied: "That is not the way I was given to understand it yesterday", adding: "I have been misled."

Mr Levitt is expected to press for substantial damages over his arrest.

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Chief goes after five months at **Taywood**

TAYLOR WOODROW, the board and Mr Castle and, housebuilding and construction group, yesterday parted company with John Castle, its chief executive. He had been in the job less than five months and is likely to receive a pay-off of about £405,000.

The company issued a terse statement saying that Mr Castle, the first outside appointment to the post in the company's history, had "re-signed by mutual agreement". It added: "It had become apparent in recent months that there was a fundamental incompatibility between the

Sears at centre of fraud inquiry

SEARS, the troubled retailer, is at the centre of a police investigation into alleged corruption within

its property operations.

The group yesterday admitted that Leicester police were investigating potential frauds within Sears Group Properties, unearthed during an inter-

nal audit earlier this year. Sir Bob Reid, Sears chairman, said the group was giving the police all assis-tance and that the matter related to a single individnal within the company. Sears refused to go into any more detail but the investigation is believed to relate to payments made by contrac-tors and developers working for the company.

The property business has been one of the few bright spots for Sears in recent years. In the year ending January 31, it made operating profits of £15.6 million, while the group

lost £98.3 million. Sears admitted this week that it would have to terminate its £344 million contracts which it agreed, only last year, with Andersen Consulting to centralise all its information tenchology. The termination could mean that over 500 staff transferred to Andersen could return to Sears.

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L and the just plain stupid. Rolls-

Royce Motor Cars and IPC Maga-

zines went up for sale, Guinness and

Grand Metropolitan confused their

Greek with their Latin, and an old

friend, Roger Levitt, surfaced in a

New York prison cell. It was just like

BMW emerged as the clear fa-vourite to buy Rolls-Royce, which

has been put up for sale by Vickers.

the defence group. BMW is develop-

ing a new V12 engine for the Crewe

hixury car group, but faces steep

competition in the deep-pocketed form of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talai.

the man with the world's thickest

cheque-book. A spokesman said the

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consequently, Mr Castle chose to resign." Mr Castle was heading a

strategy review, described as "evolutionary rather than revolutionary", which was designed to improve the performance of Taylor Woodrow's construction division. The unit's contribution to profits lags far behind housebuilding but Taylor Woodrow has resisted suggestions that it should be sold.

In the first half of 1997, the group made pre-tax profits of £36.2 million, on turnover of £626 million. Construction contributed just £1 million on turnover of £307 million. Housing, by contrast, made pre-tax profits of £16.4 million on £198 million of sales. A Taylor Woodrow spokes man said that the disagree ments had nothing to do with the review or Mr Castle's plans for the construction

division. One source claimed last night that non-executive directors became concerned about the relationship between Mr Castle and other executives two months into the job.

Sir Colin Parsons, executive chairman, will act as chief executive until a successor can be found. He said the company was in "excellent financial health and is anticipating another year of steadily improving results".

One analyst suggested that the company might be obliged to look for an outsider again. Sir Kit McMahon, a non-executive who becomes deputy chairman to satisfy the Cad-bury code after Mr Castle's departure, said: "It recently became clear to the nonexecutives that John's appointment wasn't working and it was better to solve the problem now rather than later. We realised that he was unable to build the sort of relationship with his fellow directors that a

chief executive needs." Mr Castle, a former managing director of Marley, joined Taylor Woodrow from Textron, the US conglomerate The Times was unable to contact him for comment last night. He was paid a basic salary of £225,000 and the contracts of directors at Taylor Woodrow indicate that he can expect to receive 1.8 times his

salary as compensation. Taylor Woodrow shares fell from 185p to 1842 p. It is likely that the strategy review's conclusions will be delayed until early next year.



President Jiang Chemin of China, second left, and Qian Qichen, a Vice-Premier, with Richard Grasso, the New York Stock Exchange chairman, left

London recovers after Wall St surge

By GEORGE STYELL

LONDON shares recovered from a mid-morning fall of almost 40 points to close up on the day after a strong burst on Wall Street and a modest rise in the nervous Hong Kong market. By the close, the FTSE 100 index had risen 40.4 points to reach 4842.3, a modest end to a week of rollercoaster losses and gains caused by jitters over the Hong Kong economy.

In London, the mood re-

mains nervous after a week that saw a net fall of 26 per cent on the FT-SE 100 index. Analysts were adopting a wait and see" approach to next week. More volatility from the Far East is expected and Latin American markets and now looking wobbly too.

Wall Street gained almost 114 points yesterday after New York traders digested the 260.92 rise in the Hang Seng index to 10,623.78 overnight and US economic statistics showing strong growth, the statement from the region's monetary authority that re-

highest consumer spending for five-and-a-half years but the lowest inflation since 1964. American dealers, however, said that the market was more influenced by the Hong Kong recovery than the US figures. Hong Kong was helped by a

serves rose during October in spite of intervention to maintain the Hong Kong dollar's peg to the US dollar. Red chip shares in Chinese listed companies rose as a result. The

American economy, meanwhile, grew at 3.5 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the 3.3 per cent rate clocked up in the second quarter and the 3.2 per cent that Wall Street had expected prompting one analyst to say.

Personal spending in the US rose by its fastest in more than five-and-a-half years, increasing 5.7 per cent to \$67.7 billion in the third quarter. The gain was the strongest since the first quarter of 1992.

mained under control. The implicit price deflator that measures price changes rose at 1.4 per cent rate, down from 1.8 per cent in the second quarter. It was the slowest increase since a 0.9 per cent gain in the second quarter of

In early afternoon trading the Dow stood up 31.44 at 7,413.11 after earlier showing a 113.9-point rise at 7.495.62.

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Our verdict on **British Gas**

The Corporate Profile feature has run in the business section of The Times each Monday for the past four weeks. The scores allocated to each company so far are as

Pearson. How will British Gas fare on Monday morning? Under siege

Redland, the building materials company under

siege from its French rival. Lafarge, is in talks with the Braas family that could lead to an offer for Redland's controlling interest in RBB. the roofing tiles subsidiary. Page 29

IMF package

Indonesia, which has suffered in the wave of stock market and currency crises sweeping the Far East, placed itself in HK rebound, page 28 the hands of the Internation Market report, page 31 Monetary Fund. Page 28 the hands of the International

M&G may be put up for sale

M&G, the fund manager that is believed to be being stalked by Halifax, may be put on sale shareholder.

Although the Esmee Fair-bairn Charitable Trust, which owns 33 per cent of M&G, is under a duty to examine all bids, it is understood to be keen to allow Michael McLintock. M&G's new chief executive, 18 months to turn round the business. The clock started ticking in February, which means the trust could be prepared to sell next August.

Halifax, which floated this year and has \$3.5 billion of spare cash, is understood to be interested in buying M&G, one of the oldest and best known fund managers. However, the group has suffered from the

poor performance of its unit trusts and the money it man-

ages for pension funds. One market source said: "A link-up with M&G would be strategically clever, but the charitable trust will take some rsuading. Mr McLintock has only been in the job since February and needs time to prove himself. The trust does not want to sell M&G on the cheap, and Halifax is para-

noid about overpaying." Neither M&G nor Halifax would comment yesterday and Mr McLintock was in Birmingham as part of a series of roadshows for institutional investors. Both parties described reports of talks as market speculation.

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NatWest 'No' to German bid

RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATWEST BANK yesterday snubbed the unsolicited offer by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (DMG) for its equities busi-ness, saying a sale was not in the interests of shareholders.

DMG responded by refusing to lift its undisclosed bid for NatWest Securities, which has been valued by City analysts at £300 million, though DMG's offer is understood to have been far less.

Michael Philipp, head of global equities at DMG, said the German bank was "sticking to its proposal", and denied it had been slow to build up its equities business in London.

Attempts by DMG to poach staff from Natwest Markets in the light of its abortive bid are likely to be frustrated.

NatWest is believed to have insisted on a 12-month no-hire

condition to the talks. Meanwhile, final bids for BZW, the investment banking arm of Barclays, will be tabled next week. Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) is the clear favourite of the two bidders. while Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (DLJ), the US investment bank, is still mulling over whether to make a formal

offer for BZW. Robin Down, banking analyst with ABN Amro Hoare Govett, said if DLJ did drop out it would be an "an absolute disaster" for Barclays because CSFB would be able to dictate the price of the sale. Estimates of BZW's value range from £200 million to

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AWEEK IN THE CITY

Saudi billionaire would be "proud and honoured" to add the huxury marque to his fast-growing coilection, which includes stakes in Euro Disney, Citibank, Saks Fifth Avenue and Canary Wharf. Cars aside, there is always IPC, publisher of more than 70 titles, which was put on the market by Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publisher. The titles

are expected to fetch £800 million. Liberty, the department stores group, sought to unseat Denis Cassidy, its chairman. Virgin Trains joined with Railtrack to sink £600 million into the West Coast rail line.

as Pilkington, the glass group. armounced the loss of 6,000 jobs. City regulators, anxious to distance themselves from the fragmented world of the Financial Services Act (1986), forever remembered as the FSA, unveiled a dynamic new name for the new over-arching City watchdog. It will be known as the Financial Services Authority (FSA). The cost of choosing this awesomely dull name was not disclosed. This was as nothing next to

Guinness and GrandMet, which consummate their £24 billion merger in the new year, shareholders and regulators allowing. The companies announced they were ditching the working name GMG Brands in favour of Diageo, mistaken by some for an Italian footballer, the new English rugby captain, or a small Japanese car. The companies said the name was based loosely on the and saw him punished with 180

Latin for day and the Greek for world, but scholars were unimpressed. The exercise cost £250,000 In New York, Roger Levitt, who

escaped prison over the collapse of his financial services group, found himself caught in a bizarre game of legal ping-pong. The Department of Trade and Industry, which is seeking his extradition, managed to mislead two judges in two timezones, despite having the luxury of ten months in which to sort out their case. The affair is as embarrassing to the DTI as it was to the Serious Fraud Office, which in 1993 succeeded in having Mr Levitt plead guilty to misleading financial regulators -

hours' community service. All this aside, it was really quite an uneventful week. Apart from Monday, which saw

the FTSE 100 index close down 129.5 points, shortly before Wall Street collapsed 550 points, triggering two trading suspensions. And Tuesday, in which the FTSE 100 opened down 457.9 - its biggest ever one-day fall before coming back to close down
 85.3. And Wednesday, in which Hong Kong's battered Hang Seng index jumped 18.82 per cent to 10,765.30, regaining some of its lost face. And Thursday, in which markets headed south again. Just another normal week, really.

JON ASHWORTH

PLESINESS ROUNDUP

Jefferson Smurfit

expands in Mexico

JEFFERSON SMURFIT, the paper and packaging group, is to invest \$120 million (£72 million) in a Mexican

roject. Smurfir's Mexican subsidiary, Smurfit Carton y

Papel de Mexico, plans to invest the money in an

expansion of its corrugated, folding carton and mill

facilities over the next two-and a-half years. The company said: "The group believes that this is an opportune time to invest in Menico as the country is reaping the benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the

market is growing very strongly." Smurfit added that this expansion would be funded from the group's existing

Michael Smurfit, chairman and chief executive officer

Latin America and deliver a significant cost advantage

against American and other imports."

Reuters gets \$25m subsidy for New York HQ

REUTERS, the media group, yesterday announced a plan to build new US head offices in Times Square, New York, after the granting of a controversial \$25 million (EI5 million) tax subsidy over the next 30 years. A total of 4,000 journalists, sales representatives, computer systems experts, and executives will be based in a spot that was the vice capital of America less than ten years ago. The new building will be on the corner of Seventh Avenue and 42nd Street, a site that used to be littered with pornographic cinemas.

Half of the award will be made available immediately, based on a promise by Reuters to relocate 1,800 employees to the new site rather than set up new head offices outside the city. The remainder of the facility is dependent on Reuters creating a further 2,300 jobs. Reuters said: We are planning to consolidate the jobs currently in seven different locations in New York City. There is also a

formula for growing the number of jobs at varying rates to qualify for the full amount.

Reuters said: "We are committed to growing our position in the Americas. This is an effort to consolidate our employees, creating efficiencies and cutting costs. It is also an effort to raise our profile in America and an effort to focus our employees on those goals. The whole thing has a symbolic value showing our commitment to the American markets."

The incentive package was un-

veiled by Rudy Giuliani, the Mayor of New York, as part of his re-election campaign. Reuters is said to have been less than thrilled by the timing and political nature of the

New Yorkers will vote on Tuesday and Mr Giuliani, who claims credit for cleaning up the 42nd Street area. has been criticised over the Reuters subsidy. Ruth Messinger, the main Democratic candidate, who is trail-ing in the polls, suggested that the \$25 million should rather be used to subsidise student tuition fees. She added: "We cannot keep pricing college out of reach of more and more students. In answer to how I intend to pay for the proposal, I would like to direct everyone's attention to Rudy 'Money Bags' Giuliani awarding a \$25 million sales tax exemption to

Mr Giuliani has persuaded a number of American companies. including Bear Stearns, the investment bank, to stay in New York City by offering tax exemptions.

Society

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savers

BY SUSAN EMMETT

NATIONWIDE, the largest

building society, is re-opening its doors to small savers this

Monday by reducing the

amount needed to start an

But in an attempt to sepa-

rate genuine savers from car-

petbaggers, all newcomers

will have to sign an agree-

ment promising to give any

windfall they might receive

after a conversion to charity.

Existing members are not

affected unless they choose to

give any windfalls to charity.

Enforcing the message that it is business as usual, Nation-

wide is making aggressive inroads into the savings mar-

ket by offering a rate of 6.7 per

cent a year on balances of £1

for its postal account. Sainsbury and Tesco, which

offer similar postal accounts,

pay a rate of 6.5 per cent. Brian Davis, Nationwide's

chief executive, said: "From Monday, Nationwide is back

to business as usual. This is great news for savers, but bad

news for many of our compet-

itors. The combination of a full range of accounts, excel-

lent rates and great service is

Nationwide successfully de-

summer when five carpetbag-

gers tried to force a flotation

by getting elected to the board.

The building society decid

ed to introduce a £5.000

minimum after intense specu-

lation over whether it would

a formidable one."

account from £5,000 to £1.

Indonesia secures \$30bn IMF assistance

By George Sivell

INDONESIA, which has suffered in the wave of stock market and currency crises sweeping the Far East, yesterday placed itself in the hands of the International Monetary Fund after reaching agreement on a broad programme of reform and financial assistance. estimated to be worth about \$30

billion (E17.6 billion). This surpasses the \$17.2 billion package agreed in August to bail out the struggling Thai economy. The Indonesian package includes fiscal and banking reform, improved budget discipline, reduction of import tariffs and export obstacles, deregulation of agricultural commodities and efforts to rein in inflation.

Analysts made only a muted positive response to the plans but criticised them for lack of detail. UBS Securities said that there was a "mixed reaction and perhaps an element of disappointment that they haven't given more details on banking sector reform".

Shares rebound in Hong Kong

SHARES in Hong Kong rebounded sharply yesterday after the the region's monetary authority re-vealed that foreign currency reserves rose during October in spite of the speculative pressure against the Hong Kong dollar.

The Hang Seng index rose 260.92 points to close at 10,623.78, ending a week at which it started at 11,144,34 and, at one stage, closed as low as 9,059.89. A reaffirmation by S&P of its long-term foreign and local currency ratings and outlook for Hong Kong also helpied share prices vesterday.

Brokers said institution al buying of "red chip" stocks of Chinese companies had helped the rise. Red chips are seen as a safe haven from any further falls that might result from higher interest rates.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's financial leaders reiterated their determination to fight off speculative attacks on the the currency. Joseph Yam, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. said: "I have all along felt that there would be speculative activities and the recent rout was quite a serious one.

"But during the ten days there was no crisis concerning the Hong Kong dollar," Mr Yam told the Hong Kong legislature.



structural adjustment programme is to increase narional efficiency and the competitiveness of the Indonesian economy."

Indonesia announced the approach to the IMF, World Bank and Asian Development Bank on October 8 after taking a battering on the financial

points, or 0.49 per cent, at 500.42 with profit-taking setting in after earlier gains. The rupi-ah ended the day in Jakarta at 3,615 to the dollar after softening from an earlier rally that followed the announcement of the

Bankers said that the IMF was expected to provide around \$10 billion in a standby facility, while the Asian Development Bank was providing \$3.5 billion in assistance.

The American Government is expected to offer around \$3 billion "as a second line of defence".Singapore has al-ready offered US\$5 billion and Malaysia US\$1 billion. Japan and Australia have yet to announce their contributions, but Tokyo is expected to provide between \$4 billion and \$5 billion.

Indonesia has been governed by President Suharto, a 76-yearold retired five-star general, for 32 years. He has tolerated little political dissent but until now has delivered sustained economic development. Despite his achievements, critics complain that the Indonesian economy is dominated by a small group of his family members and close

MALAYSIA has won support

for its campaign for new

global rules to protect against

currency volatility and market

turmoil. The issue was raised

yesterday at a meeting of

Group of 15 (G15) trade and

economy ministers in the Ma-laysian capital, according to

Alvaro Garcia, Economy Min-

He said that "new regula-tions could well be defined".

The ministers' meeting

centred on currency specula-

MARTIN SORRELL and Sir Tim Bell

were reunited yesterday, over a decade after they both left Saatchi & Saatchi.

when Mr Sorrell's WPP Group paid £15

million for a 29.9 per cent stake in Sir Tim's public relations operation, Chime

Communications.

WPP took the holding as Chime

revealed the £24 million purchase of

Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury (HHCL).

the advertising agency, and the £5 million acquisition of AMD, which

specialises in marketing residential prop-

erty developments. The deals double the

size of Chime, increasing its market value

to about £65 million.

The acquisition is the third relatively

ister of Chile.



Power firms challenge competition changes

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

hold electricity faces a new obstacle after it has emerged that there is legal deadlock over electricity company licences.

Licence changes drafted to implement competition next vear have been proposed by Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator. They include important demands on data exchange between companies and settlement procedures. But concern in the industry that the terms and conditions are not sufficiently defined

could trigger rebellion. One company said: "We cannot agree to the changes as they are. We are being asked to agree to conditions without fully knowing what is being required."

G15 seeks rules to

stabilise markets

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Companies are being asked

tion and wild stock market

Rafidah Aziz, the Malaysian

Trade Minister, opened the

meeting with a call for a

common stance against the

turbulence that has affected

In a speech at the opening of the day-long meeting before the GIS summit next week, she

noted that the market turmoil

had left "developing countries

facing depreciation in their currencies".

swings, delegates said.

most world markets.

COMPETITION in house- to sign the licence changes by Electricity companies are November 14, but last-minute wrangles with the regulator could lead to a delay. If there is a serious dispute the timetable for competition — due to start in April - could be unhinged.



obliged to implement competi tion by law, but they are at liberty to argue over the terms. Some in the industry believe that the licence demands are so loosely worded that agreement would amount to signing a blank cheque.

The licence change de-mands coincide with supply price control proposals. Agreement on both sets is necessary to smooth the path to domestic

competition. Clouds already hang over competition in electricity supply for households because of technical concerns. Full-scale testing of systems has not yet started and it is feared that the huge operation to deliver choice of power supply to 26 million households will collapse into chaos.

Young & Rubicam plans \$2bn float

By Jason Nissé

YOUNG & RUBICAM, the US advertising agency, is planning a \$2 billion (£1.3 billion) New York floration in the new year, raising around \$400 million.

Young & Rubicam's businesses include Burson-Marsteller, the public relations group, and Wunderman Cato lohnson, the direct marketing agency. It is understood that the group, which is headed by Peter Georgescu, its chairman and chief executive, has hired

Bear Stearns and Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, the Wall Street firms, to underwrite the Young & Rubicam has a

strong presence in the UK and last year had income of \$1.3 billion, making it about a third of the size of WPP, the British group that is the world's largest marketing services network. It is hoping that the float

will help it to move up into the top strata of world agencies.

of the group, said: "I foresee continued growth in demand for our products in Mexico and a need to become more cost effective in both our mill system and converting operations. When completed this investment programme will allow the company to produce superior quality recycled liner and medium that are without parallel in

Kellogg income up 30% KELLOGG said net income jumped 30 per cent in the third quarter as global sales volume rose 11 per cent. The largest US breakfast cereal maker said earnings rose to \$207.2 million (£122 million) or 50 cents a share in the quarter, including charges of \$6.6 million or 2 cents a share, from \$159.5 million or 38 cents a share, which included charges of \$21.3 million, a year earlier. Excluding charges, Kellogg's third-quarter results of 52 cents a share beat analysts' average forecasts of 49 cents. Sales rose 7 per cent to \$1.80 billion from \$1.68 billion.

Chinese seek partner

THE Chinese side of an ailing car venture with Peugeot, the-French car company, will choose a new partner from among Japan's Honda Motor, Germany's Opel and South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co, state media and officials said. Honda and Opel, a unit of General Motors, were the most likely candidates to take over Peugeot's role in Guangzhou Peugeot Automobile, according to Chinese sources. Guangzhou Auto wants a new partner for the 30 per cent stake of PSA Peugeot Citroen, which stopped production several months ago.

Hugo Boss cuts a dash

HUGO BOSS, the upmarket German clothing group, is heading for a 20 per cent rise in earnings this year after its sales rose 15 per cent to DM944 million in the first nine months. Overall, 1997 sales would rise some 13 per cent, Boss said. After-tax earnings at the nine-month stage rose about 20 per cent and would hold that growth rate at the year end, it added. The company gave a comparative figure of 65 million marks for 1996 profit. BNP, the brokers, said: "Boss again showed an even better development after nine months than expected."

TOG profits warning

SHARES in Total Office Group, the office furniture and equipment company, fell from 126½ p to 82½ p after a warning that pre-tax profits for the year ending November 30, 1997, were likely to be £1 million below the £3.23 million reported last year. TOG attributed the expected fall in profit to low levels of orders. Overall margins this year have been down because of increased competition. However, the current number of orders are up on last year and the final dividend this year is forcast to meet market expectations of 3.4p.

Memory opts for Asia

MEMORY CORPORATION is to stop British subcontract manufacturing in a move that will cost £500,000. In future Memory will source modules from low cost manufacturers in Asia. The shares rose 5p to 45p. The company said it took the decision in keeping with its strategy of focusing on licensing rather than manufacturing. Memory also said it has signed its first licence agreement for Microlock, its proprietary security chip design, with Hsin-lin Computer, the Taiwan company.

Shopping centre sold

TBI, the property and airports group, yesterday sold the Overgate Shopping Centre in Dundee to Lendlease for £39.4 million. The group will retain a small number of shares in Overgate. Built in 1968, Overgate was part of the Molyneux Estates portfolio of properties acquired by TBI in 1995. Plans to transform Overgate into one of Scotland's leading shopping centres included redevelopment of the site requiring significant additional capital investment. Debenhams was also secured as the anchor tenant.

Orbis acquisitions

ORBIS, the security services group, has made two acquisitions for up to £4.64 million funded out of new term loan facilities provided by HSBC. Orbis has paid up to £2.4 million to acquire the British and Irish integrated security systems division of Westinghouse Electric. Orbis has also paid up to £2.075 million for Bar-It, which protects vacant local authority property using steel doors and screens that are rented to customers. HSBC is providing a new term loan and other facilities of £14.4 million.

Avalon Oil slides

AVALON OIL suffered an overall loss for the six months to: June 30 of \$2.4 million (£1.44 million), worse than the previous \$1.2 million loss. Losses per share reached 3 cents. No comparative figure was available. John Wieczorek, Avalon Oil chairman, said that oil production at Stimul, the 49 per cent owned joint venture company with Orenburggazprom, a subsidiary of Gazprom, the Russian oil company, is about 2,500 barrels perday. Production levels are expected to increase to 10,000 a day. A daily production of 23,000 is hoped for by the end of 1998.

WPP takes £15m stake as Chime doubles size



Bell: remains chairman

By Jason Nisse

weeks as it expands its network, which is based on the two global advertising agencies, J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy Mather, and Hill & Knowlton, the public relations operation.

Rivais have suggested that the Chime deal could present WPP with conflict of interest problems. However, Mr Sorrell yesterday rejected these suggestions. "We have great experience with dealing with possible conflicts within JWT and Ogilvy," he said.

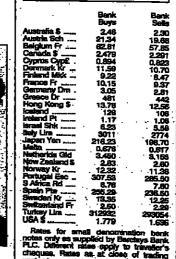
The new structure of Chime indicates how much influence the HHCL people will have on the management of the expanded group. Though Sir Tim remains as chairman, Rupert Howell. small deal struck by WPP in recent HHCL's chairman, will become joint chief executive of Chime, and Robin Price, HHCL's finance director, will also join the board.

Piers Pottinger, Chime's other joint chief executive, said yesterday that he would run the public relations side and Mr Howell would be in charge of the advertising operation. "All of us will be looking at other areas of corporate development," he said. "A lot of people thought we were too small and just a PR company. I hope they are happier now." With the acquisition, Chime issued

figures for the six months to June 30. Pretax profits grew from £1.41 million to £1.7 million, earnings were up from 1.6p to 1.9p and the dividend, payable on November 20. is to be 0.65p (0.55p).







THE SUNDAY TIMES When the chips are down...

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Whether the American market will hold up or collapse and lead the rest of the world into a crash (as happened in 1987). depends to a large extent. on what investors decide to do in two strategic areas — American technology stocks and Brazil 🖣

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hose of a kindly disposition might slip into a Laura Ashley shop this weekend and try and help the business keep ticking over by buying one of the many reduced items hanging sadly on the racks. The company is, as the saying goes, in continuing discussions with its bankers, and any evidence of customer interest in the brand might help to persuade the consortium of lenders to keep faith. Having admitted that it will incur a loss for the year, the company will be in breach of its covenants at the stage that it rules off its accounts in January,

even if it is not now. The banks, led by the estimable Bank of Nova Scotia, are apparently content, at the moment, to continue providing a £50 million facility, no doubt in the expectation that the lead up to Christmas should mean that even Laura Ashley collects some festive cash flow. But there are increasing fears as to what the New Year may bring for the beleaguered business and how tolerant the bankers may be at

that stage.
David Hoare, the consultant who was parachuted in a couple of months ago to try and bring some order into the chaos that was revolving around the heavily remunerated chief executive, Ann Iverson, apparently sees the conservation of cash as his main priority. But the problems at Laura Ashley go far beyond the

Last week saw the formal departure of Patricia Manning, the marketing director who had been brought in by Ms Iverson, the last of her bevy of female recruits to make a rapid exit. industry watchers say that potentially far more damaging to the company is the disenchant-ment, and gradual fallout, of the raft of managers who had remained loyal to the Laura Ashley ideal for so long.

Ms Iverson, who recently posed fetchingly for Vogue magazine clad in leather, has apparently finally put paid to the image that the late Laura Ashley had created. Instead, she determined to reshape the business, charging into huge new stores in the United States that are now looking like expensive liabilities. Sir Bernard Ashley, who orig-

inally championed Ms lverson's promotion, is now thought to be resentful of her contractual rights to a salary of close to £1 million, particularly as her role appears to be virtually side-lined after the arrival of Mr Hoare. When the tough Goldman Sachs banker John Thornton took over as chairman, the

market assumed that he must

know more about exciting pros-

pects for the company than was

apparent to outsiders who Buggins's turn as whipping boy merely saw a brand that had lost its way. But the clever corporate deals have not materialised. Sir Bernard had intimated he might be interested in selling his stake at 2 a share, but with the price now down to 46p, he feels understandably aggrieved. If he listened to the more bearish an-alysts, he might be inclined to sell his family holding of more than 35 per cent rather than wait to see

Fortunes turn in a tale of two banks

what 1998 may be bring.

This is a tale of two banks and how their fortunes can see-saw so rapidly. During Westminster that was in the dog house after publicly unearthing a black hole in its derivatives business and failing to persuade investors that it had a coherent strategy. But this weekend,

of the banking world seems to have landed with Barclays. Martin Taylor, so recently revered as the bright white hope of the sector, must be feeling just a touch uncomfortable as he contemplates his predicament. If, as seems likely, he is down to just a single potential buyer for BZW, his negotiating position is, to say the least, constrained. Credit Suisse First Boston may be keen to build up its investment banking business in the UK but the

Riches to rags

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

been ebbing away along with the competitive bidders. Suggestions that BZW may not have fared as well as some during the market high jinks of recent days may also have af-fected CSFB's thinking. But Mr Taylor and his col-

price it has in mind will have

leagues in the Barclays boardroom have publicly committed themselves to selling the bulk of BZW, and in demonstration of

the top man, Bill Harrison. Having destabilised the staff this way, they now need to do a deal quickly, with price perhaps a secondary consideration.

So there were a few smug smirks around NatWest's HQ vesterday as Deutsche Morgan Grenfeli's efforts to buy the bank's equities business were firmly rebuffed. The offer was apparently derisory but, never having said the business was for sale, NatWest felt under no pressure to do the deal.

This is not to say that equities will remain for ever under the NatWest roof but that the bank is evolving a strategy that does not involve the complete dismantling of NatWest Markets.

The ambition to be a global investment bank has been abandened, but debt management and corporate finance remain intrinsic to the service that customers require, so the question marks have been removed from over the heads of Gleacher in the US and Hambro Magan in the

It may not be completely reassuring for the chaps in equities to know that they are part of the plan, at least until a good offer comes along, but that is the position and, by comparison with the Barclays situation, it does not seem entirely unreasonable.

Accountants must remain divided

aving seen their major rivals pairing off, there was a certain inevitability about Deloitte & Touche and Andersen Worldwide exploring the possibility of a get-together. But can these firms, which so

expensively sell their advice to companies considering a merger, seriously believe that the competition authorities would wave through a reduction from the Big Six accountancy firms to the Big Three? In Europe, competition commissioner Karel van Miert is already looking warily at the proposed link up of Ernst & Young with KPMG, and Coo-pers & Lybrand with Price Waterhouse. The Office of Fair

to the Commissioner on whether these deals are anti-competitive, and it is difficult to see how the conclusion can be anything other than in the affirmative.

Suggestions that the OFT would be pacified by the merged firms agreeing to shed a quota of audit clients from the FISE are clearly ludicrous. Assuming that the customers have chosen their auditor for the international expertise on offer, where else would they take their business except to one of the other members of the triumvirate? There would be a rehuffle of clients but little effect on competition.

Already the six exercise enormous influence on the corporate sector through providing con-sultancy services as well as bread-and-butter audit work. The competition authorities should firmly rule out any further limits on the choice available to clients.

A game of tag

The absurd request from the Department of Trade and Industry that Roger Levitt be fitted with an electronic tracking device makes one wonder what else they have up their sleeve? Or are they going to admit that this is their only hope of keeping up with sharp financial practitioners, in the absence of rules that have any chance of sticking? Perhaps they could pass a tip on to Howard Davies at the newly

Redland defence hangs on talks with Braas family

BY CARL MORTISHED

REDLAND, the huilding materials company under siege from its French rival, Lafarge, is in talks with the Braas family of Germany, which could lead to an offer for Redland's controlling interest in RBB, its roofing tiles

In a letter to shareholders. gesterday, Rudolph Agnew, Redland's chairman, hinted at a break-up of the troubled. duarries and rooting tiles group. The first defence document disclosed no new information about Redland, but Mr Agnew said that discus-. It parties interested in the com-. pany's major assets with a view to topping Lafarge's offer of 320p per share.

He also revealed that the more or less precise."

Braas family, which controls the minority 43 per cent of the European rooting tiles busi-ness, could be the key to Redland's defence. He said the talks 'include discussions in relation to Redland's 56.5 per cent interest in RBB with Mrs H. Bruhn-Braas".

Redland's shares rose 9p to 340p yesterday in the hope that the talks would flush out a rival bid or break-up. How-ever. Latarge poured cold water on yesterday's docu-ment. Bertrand Collomb, chairman of Latarge, said: "A break-up is complicated and some point, Redland shareholders will have to choose between cash on the table and a break-up proposal which is

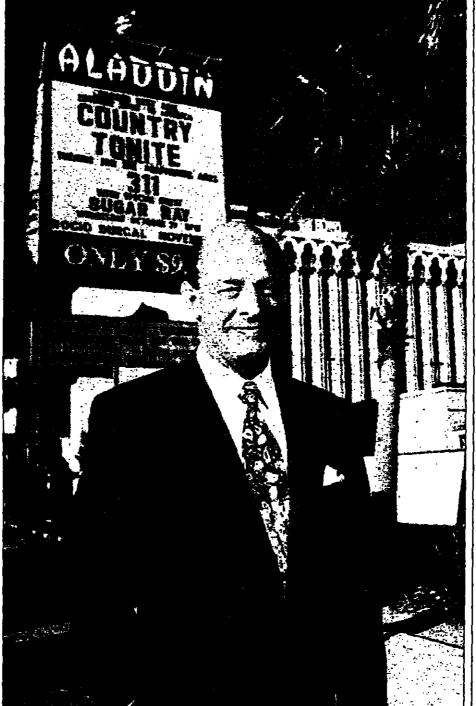
house is worth a great deal of money, but there is only one way of finding out."

Analysts believe that the break-up of Redland could be problematic and lead to tax problems because it has

> particular the UK quarries for The Braas family is believed to have hired Lehman Bros, the US investment bank, to advise it in its discussions with Redland. RBB is the jewel in Redland's crown but the UK group has been stymied in its attempts to extract value from

the business because of the ownership structure. Redland recently secured greater rights over the dividends from Braas, injecting more of its own assets into the roof tiles business in exchange for a larger percentage of an enlarged business. However, a change of control of RBB would lead to a reduced dividend from the new owner. Lafarge lower dividend, but the City believes it reduces the number

of prospective buyers for RBB.



Clubs is investing \$50 million (£30 million) in a 25 per cent stake in Aladdin Gaming

Liberty family member wins his unfair dismissal case

By Fraser Nelson

THE last member of the Liberretailer, Richard Stewart-Liberty, has defeated the company in an industrial tribunal which ruled he was unfairly dismissed two years ago.

Mr Stewart-Liberty, who with the rest of his family is leading a campaign to oust Denis Cassidy as chairman, is expected to be awarded up to £35,000 compensation at a hearing on March 19.

The tribunal ruled that he had acted in good faith by Japanese retailing giant, warning them that Liberty's management was turning against the idea of expanding the joint venture they had set up from its existing three shops.

Liberty, which described his action as "a calculated attempt to subvert the authority of the board", must now pay compensation. The maximum limit set for tribunals is only £35,000.

Mr Stewart-Liberty is now entitled to take action against the company to claim for more money, which he would have been due as a severance package. However, his spokesman said this is unlikely because his primamry objective was to clear his name, not secure compensation.

He argued that, as chairman of the joint venture, he owed loyalty to both Muji and Liberty and felt compelled to advise them when he heard that Mr Cassidy had described the venture as "a dog".

The ruling will come as a blow for Mr Cassidy, who will soon face calls for his dismissal from an extraordinary meeting called by the Liberty family. The rebels speak for 44 per cent of the shares and need only a

Ministers postpone talks on coal

minor sway of votes to secure

Neither Richard Stewart-

Liberty nor any of his family

have intentions to return to the retailer. Instead, they propose

that Odile Griffith, their finan-

cial adviser, and of Brian

Myerson, a long-standing

business associate, are elected

The unfair dismissal action

is being conducted seperately

to the move to oust Mr

Cassidy, and was started two

years ago. In it, Mr Stewart-

board as "a weak institution"

and said that Mr Cassidy had

resolved to dismiss him long

Boards roughed-up, page 30

before the letter was sent.

to the board.

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

UNION officials yesterday expressed "deep disappointment" at the cancellation of a planned meeting with ministers to seek help for the belea-

guered coal industry. The colliery management union was due to lead industry representatives and MPs to argue the case for coal with John Battle, the Energy Minister, and Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, on Monday. The meeting was called off because Mr Meacher is in Wash-

ington next week.
Pat Carragher, general secretary of the British Association of Colliery Management, said: "We will press for a further meeting and if one is not forthcoming. I will be forced to conclude that the Government simply does not want to listen.

The meeting was planned amid fears that between four and eight pits could close because of the continued "dash for gas" in preference to coalfired power stations.

Andersen and Deloitte deny merger reports

firms, Arthur Andersen and Deloitte & Touche, yester-day denied they had entered into informal discussions that could lead to a merger (See Commentary this page). In hard-hitting statements issued on both sides of the Atlantic, the firms said they had no interest in joining forces, completing the move from Big Six to Big Three. Speculation about their intentions has been rife since the other leading accountancy firms - Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand, and KPMG and Ernst & Young

announced their intentions to merge. The logic was that Arthur Andersen and Deloitte & Touche would be forced into a defensive link or risk losing their competitive edge. Jim Wadia, Arthur Ander-

sen Worldwide managing partner, said: "The rumour that Arthur Andersen and Deloitte & Touche have had or are having merger discussions is totally false. We are not interested in entering duto any global merger dis-

cussions." John Roques, se-nior partner of Deloitte & Touche in the UK, reiterated a statement made by J. Michael Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of Deloitte & Touche in America, saying: "The board of Deloitte & Touche have decided not to merge with anyone, including Arthur Andersen."

The impending mergers face significant regulatory challenges, and there is a view that the firms would be forced to divest significant

Firms such as Arthur Andersen would be able to cherry-pick clients and teams without the expense of a full-blown merger.

There is also no guarantee that practices in a particular country would be willing to merge - as happened in the UK in 1989 when Deloitte Haskins + Sells voted to merge with Coopers & Lybrand rather than Touche Ross. This would provide Andersen and Deloitte & Touche with further scope to grow their practices.



Good enough: Alan Goodenough, the chief executive of London Clubs International, announced that Planet Hollywood is to build its first music themed hotel and casino as part of the redevelopment of the Aladdin Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. London

Lloyd serves up Snakeboard rescue

DAVID LLOYD, the former professional tennis player, will this month announce a rescue package for Snakeboard International in a lastditch attempt to save the steerable skateboard producer from insolvency.

Mr Lloyd, who was originally a non-executive director of the company, has now taken over the company, given it £200,000 from his own personal fortune as a convertible loan to salvage the prospects of its steerable skateboards. Later this month he will announce that Snakeboard will scrap its original plan of owning and producing the boards. Instead, it will license it out to other producers and accept a cut in any resulting profits.

The shake-up comes after the com-pany returned a loss of £423,000 for the three months to June 30, after its sales collapsed to £166,000 (£496,000). It has

European distributor. It raised £3 million when it joined the Alternative Investment Market last year, introduced by Neill Clerk Capital. It spent the money on a high-profile advertising campaign in the US and switched to a new skateboard model, ditching the old version. A fault was found in the original moulds, and the company had no skateboards to sell after exhausting the marketing budget.

Mr Lloyd said that he has spent the also severed the contract with its main last two months working on a plan to salvage the firm. The production problems have now been overcome and the company is in the closing stages of signing deals with its potential producers and distributors.

Its shares, which joined the Alternative investment Market at 4.5p, now stand at 0.75p, making the company one of the worst-performing stocks listed on the London stock market.

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The chairman accused of taking Liberty's

hopping for chic in the quiet of Liberty's bizarre life rooms, few could imagine that blood is flowing thick on the neo Tudor walls behind. Once again the Stewart-Liberty family is at war and this time they have stuck the knives deep into the man who was hailed as their saviour, Denis Cassidy, the chairman.

Luckily the Geordie-born Cassidy is a bruiser and well versed in the art of corporate warfare after 40 years in business. But even Cassidy, blooded at BHS and The Boddington Group will need every scrap of nous because his new foes are seriously angry. In a classic twist, the family, with 27

per cent of the shares, have climbed into bed with a former arch-enemy, Brian Myerson, the South African raider, who has 17 per cent. They want Cassidy out and will hold an meeting next month to put it to the vote. Myerson and the family adviser,

Odile Griffith, formerly of Hambro Magan, also want to become directors. Cassidy has the full support of the board. Cassidy's apparent crime is that he does not tell them what he is up to, that profits have not been reprice is still falling. Behind much of this criticism is the bitterness of Richard Stewart-Liberty, stepson of the shop's matriarch Elizabeth Stewart-Liberty whom Cassidy sacked. He claimed unfair dismissal at an industrial tribunal and won.

Cassidy is used to difficult characters in difficult situations. He knew that Liberty would be tough to crack and turned down the original offer. Only after he met members of the family and warned them that strong medicine would have to be swallowed did they persuade him to join.

Until now both big investors have been on-side. Last year he began restructuring the business and brave-ly cut the dividend, a move which cost Élizabeth her £20,000 annual income. Moves to license the famous Liberty print to third-party manufacturers and close the wholesaling division incensed the family who feared that the Liberty brand was being weakened. Others in the business have accepted that Cassidy's medicine was essential. There have also been rumours of discontent over his E40 million refurbishment plans which will release



CV: DEMS CASSIDY

1969-87: British Home Stores 1986-92: BAA, non-executive 1988-94: Kingsbury, chairman 1989-95: Boddington, chairman 1994-96: Seeboard, non-executiv Currently chairman of Liberty, Ferguson and Oliver Group, and non-executive at Compass and Newcastle United.

old offices. The plans include such modern accessories as escalators. The family are said to be worried that this will spoil their beloved image. Cassidy has never been in thrall to Liberty's history. He has said: "Its When Arthur Liberty created Liberty in 1875, he created something exotic and exciting. We must get that back."

A rather gruff but industrious man, Cassidy, 64, is one of eight children of a Tyneside bus conductor. He has made a mean reputation for himself

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as a corporate doctor cum retail fixer. Colleagues say he has that useful knack of telling had news but leaving people feeling it was good for them. Until now. The big job and love of Cassidy's life was BHS. He worked his new to the content of the transfer of th his way up to chairman only to merge with Sir Terence Conran's Habitat empire in the 1980s when Conran's retailing flair was still held in awe.

The two men are chalk and cheese and it is no surprise that they fell out. Conran took the top slot but the mer-ger was a disaster with the two disagreeing over the shops. Conrain wanted his style reproduced everywhere. History will probably show that the customers were with Cassidy. He walked with a heavy heart, deciding to take a number of roles rather than a single executive job. He became chairman of Boddington, the family-run brewery, and Ferguson

At Boddington the founding family was horrified by his plan to close the brewery that had been in their bands for 210 years. In the end, he said: "Boddington's shareholders were

Cassidy claims the Kingsbury Fur-niture Group, which had gearing of 300 per cent, was another successful turnaround, although he left before the flotation. The shares subsequently collapsed and it was received by Lord collarsed and it was rescued by Lord Harris of Peckham's H&C Group, But his track record at the Oliver shoe chain and Ferguson International is more doubtful. Oliver's share price is twice what it was when he went in, but has fallen again recently, while Fergu-son's results are still miserable. For the moment the jury is out on

whether his medicine in working. Other than shops, his great love is sport - cricket and his home team of weastle United. He plans to play this latest Liberty saga with the straightest of bats and from what one hears is looking forward to pulling out the knives in his back.

MARGARETA PAGANO Denis Cassidy knew that the Liberty job would be tough



Active duo rough up boards but are not always able to add value



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coverage, Brian Myerson and Julian Treger would be rich men indeed. Over the past five years, the two South Africans have made their reputation by roughing up a series of small public companies. On the fringes of the City, they and their UK Active Value Fund enjoy a higher profile than institu-tions with many times their size

and financial firepower. Although Mr Myerson and Mr Treger are joined at the hip in the minds of most City folk (they even have the same birthday), they sometimes work sep-arately. And though UK Active Value Fund is their best-known vehicle, they also use others.

This is the case with Mr Myerson's attack on Liberty, the upmarket West End store in which his Concerto Capital Corporation has a 17 per cent stake. He has joined with family shareholders, headed by Elizabeth Stewart-Liberty, in a bid to chairman, who is trying to put an end to Liberty's doleful performance. This is the second

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Paul Durman

checks the record of two high-profile

investors

time that Mr Myerson has gone to war with Liberty. Ironically, Richard Stewart-Liberty was previously the enemy in a battle over voting rights for the company's non-family shareholders.

Liberty is a classic Myerson/

Treger target: small and trou-bled but relatively high profile. Previous victims have included Signet, the jewellery group that was Ratners, Kenwood, the kitchen appliances company, and Greycoat, the owner of a couple of London landmark buildings. To generate further interest, Mr Myerson and Mr Treger (in particular) can usually be relied on to bad-mouth managements

that displease them. The assault on Liberty shares something else with previous campaigns. It is not clear what Mr Myerson is out to achieve. Although Liberty's seldomtraded shares have been dismal performers over the past year. Mr Cassidy can reasonably argue that it is still too early to see the full benefits of his actions - most notably, closing loss-making regional stores.

An investment banker who has observed Mr Myerson and Mr Treger at close hand says: They're both bright, obviously aggressive young men. They have germs of good ideas but sometimes they just extend the argument too far."

One criticism is that they are too quick to reach for the weapon of the extraordinary meeting. Mr Myerson is at it again with Liberty, as he and Mrs Stewart-Liberty seek board changes. "That should be very much a last resort," said one

critic of the egm tactic.
With the family owning 27 per cent, victory in the tussle at Liberty seems all but assured. However, Mr Myerson and Mr Treger have had some resounding failures, such as those last year at Kenwood and Greycoat. Such public battles take up a lot of management time and cause both sides to run up significant advisory costs with no obvious benefit to shareholders.

Another problem is that their proposed remedies are sometimes either pointless or overly vague. Kenwood was asked to put itself up for sale at a time when Pifco, the rival electrical appliance group that owns Russell Hobbs, was already showing interest and Kenwood was effectively "in play".

Equally strange was UK

Active Value's intervention in Signet's lengthy struggle with its debts. The egm motion in 1995 asked Signet to elicit offers include the Ernest Jones and H

to shareholders for consideration and approval. The motion was comfortably defeated. No thanks to Mr Treger and Mr Myerson, Signet has continued to make a steady recovery.

UK Active Value argues that, even if defeated, their motions

act as catalysts for change. Some investing institutions are happy for Mr Myerson and Mr Treger to shake things up, sparing them the trouble of getting their hands dirty. Gordon Stevens, who tought a lengthy battle with the duo while he was chairman of Scholl, the footcare company, wrily observes: "They are noth-

ing if not active." More positively, Shandwick's Lord Chadlington (formerly Peter Gummer) has said: "They phone you up a lot. They hassle you and they are constantly snapping at your heels, but frankly we rather enjoyed it. If you are open with them and absolutely frank and share their objectives, I have found you can work with them very well."

Lord Chadlington's views may be coloured by the fact that Shandwick, a public relations company, has not had to fight any form of proxy battle with the UK Active Value duo. Shandwick has also been one of their better investments: its shares roughly trebling from their purchase price.

It is claimed that UK Active Value has made a compound return of about 23 per cent a year over the past five years. though this is not at all easy to verify. The fund is registered in the British Virgin Isles, its track record hidden from prying eyes. What is clear, from invest ments whose price and timing are known, is that some have turned out badly.

They probably made a 50 per cent return on Scholl and a similar return on Chime Communications, Sir Tim Bell's PR outfit that they bought into in February. But Kenwood, in which they hold 4.25 million shares bought at about 200p, has seen its price fall to 1192 p. They have also lost a quarter of their £1 million investment in City Site Estates, a property

However, Mr Myerson and Mr Treger are already moving on to more ambitious adventures. This summer, UK Active Value took a 65 per cent stake in a small timber company and both men joined the board. They have just installed as chairman Stuart Wallis, the former Fisons chief executive who replaced Mr Stevens as chairman of Scholl Mr Myerson is promising acquisitions of £100 million or more.

One City observer said: "They nurse an ambition to run a public company - though neither of them have any experience which, on the face of it. would qualify them to do so." hear of this active duo.

Clear vision

IAN TAYLOR, the Northern Ireland spokesman for the Tories who bust the party apart this week by resigning over Europe, had previously lined up a nice little non-exective job at something called Navision Software UK. Nothing wrong with that, as opposition spokespeople are allowed such little diversions to boost their frugal incomes. But the announcement in the Financial Times has caused huge surprise among William Hague's team, or so they claim. Navision says the whole thing was cleared with the relevant Commons committee. But there are mutterings among the Tories about divided loyalties. I am told this one could rumble on.

rie Barrutt may be retiring (again) as chairman of the housebuilder he founded at next month's annual meeting, but he cannot resist a lastminute sales pitch. The circular to shareholders is accompanied by a heartfelt farewell thanking them for their support That's the first three lines. Now the hard sell. "I would also like to remind you of two valuable offers available exclusively to individual Barratt shareholders," he says, and takes up another 16 lines detailing the discounts he is offering. Investors who go to the meeting might do best to leave their cheque books behind.

ONCE a salesman: Sir Law-

PR speak

LIBERTY, the old-fashioned retailer under assault from a band of rebel shareholders, is using Shandwick as spin-doctor to put over its message. Fair enough; except that in the other camp is Brian Myerson, the South African investor who is part of the two-man team responsible for the UK Active Value Fund, the corporate vulture that takes stakes in undervalued businesses. And Active Value, by an ex-

traordinary coincidence, owns almost 15 per cent of Shandwick A remarkably cosy relationship - Lord dlington, chairman of the PR firm and once better known as Peter Gummer, described Myerson and his sidekick Julian Treger as very helpful, which is more than several of their other vic-



million shares. Yes, 20 million. Civilised times.

Understudv

tims can say. So if Dentis

Cassidy, chairman of Liberty,

orders his spin-doctors to dig

up the dirt on Myerson and

distribute it around the mar-

ket, they will not have far to

look - assuming they have

the necessary independence

from their biggest sharehold-er. I put the point to a Shandwick hand, who promptly starts to spin like a

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A BRAVURA performance from Nicholas Witchell, the BBC presenter who stepped into the breach and filled for Carol Vorderman at the AIM awards dinner on Thursday. Vorderman was struck down by a viral infection and could not make it. Witchell, apparently keen to do as many of these bashes as possible. stepped into the breach. He had a little trouble pronouncing some of the more esoteric AIM contenders and explain-ing what the more high-tech ones actually did for a living. but performed very creditably given the lack of preparation and the fact that he had come straight from presenting the 6 pm news.
So just how much was he

paid, given the short notice? I took a straw poll, and £5,000 was about what the City professionals reckoned. Wrong: I am reliably mid a celeb of Witchell's grading is unlikely to have seen his fee go too far into four figures.

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Sparks fly over circuit breakers

ARTHUR LEVITT, the Securities and ission chairman, has Exchanges Commi intervened in the Wall Street dispute over the so-called circuit breakers that halted share trading twice on Monday. He said the SEC would study the use of

temporary trading halts applied for the first time this week. They were installed after the 1987 crash. Richard Grasso. chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, said the trading halts calmed down the market, but many traders disagreed with him.

Mr Levitt suggested a possible systems change under which the breaks are triggered by a certain percentage fall friendly to circuit breakers or stopping rather than by the more static markets because I am always concerned

Oliver August reports on the dispute brewing over

the use of measures to halt Wall Street trading

interuptions after a 350-point drop and a 550-point fall. nowerful enemies in Washington. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal

as to how in the world you are going to get them started again". Michael Oxley, chairman of the Con-gressional Finance Committee, said: "To close equities trading in a free economy is a dramatic event. We have to remember that when you close off selling you close

off boying as well." Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was halted at 2.35pm on Monday. It restarted half an hour later Circuit breakers have a number of but was stopped for the day only 25 minutes after the resumption. The breaks. Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal are meant to stop market panies by Reserve, said he had "never been wholly giving investors time to rethink their strategies. But traders insist that Monday's plunge was not the result of a panic.



Nerves steady at close of a turbulent week

THERE was an audible sigh of relief among City brokers and fund managers as the London stock market ended

the week on a steady note.

Most of them appear to have survived the helterskelter performance of financial markets during the past few days. although it is unlikely that any of them have emerged unscathed.

Judging by the gloomy comments of traders last night, there is still some blood to be spilt. Hong Kong remains unsettled and now Latin American markets are giving cruse for concern.

French rate rise came too late to damage sentiment. But interest rate rises will feature strongly again on Wednesday, when the Bank of England independent monetary committee gets together for its monthly meeting.

in the meantime, traders were able to draw encouragement from the modest overnight rise in the Hang Seng and a healthy US GDP figure. So despite another near 100point turnaround earlier in the day, the FTSE 100 index was able to take advantage of an opening rise in the Dow Jones industrial average to close 40.4 up at 4,842.3. That helped to reduce the week's loss to 127.9, or 2.5 per cent.

Turnover remained on the low side, with just 604 million shares changing hands and sirder driven trading system was making matters worse. Price discrepancies remain commonplace. In early trading yesterday the spread in Royal Bank of Scotland was 622p bid and 640p offered. The price closed 15p dearer at 632p. with Jess than a million shares traded. Dealers say the normal spread should be just two

Pearson stood out with a jump of 20p to 780p after Morgan Stanley, the US securities house recommended a "strong buv"

Marks & Spencer was a nervous market, falling 19p to s, the broker, expects precompared with £431.5 million last time

Redland, already the subject of an offer of 320p a share from the French group Lafarge, rose 9p to 340p.



Halifax fell 10p on talk of a bid for M&G, up 4712p

the French to increase the

Rank Group slipped Ip to 333p despite picking up a further 1.05 million of its own shares in the marketplace from BZW and NatWest Securities at 330p.

Brokers were left puzzled by the sharp rise in Development Securities, the property company headed by Nick Landau. "fundamental incompatibility" between the rest of the board and Castle, NatWest Bank dropped 41p

to 857p after rejecting an offer from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell for the global equities division of NatWest Markets. its investment banking division. NatWest maintained that it had never said the business was up for sale. But a

United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express and owner of Anglian Television, stood out with a jump of 12p at 750p on turnover of almost L5 million shares. Credit Lyonnais Laing is recommending the stock, claiming the group is capable of double-digit earnings growth over the next few years.

The appearance of a few buyers combined with stock shortages to drive the price 14p higher to 28112p. The normal market trade is 2,000 shares at

News of the boardroom bust-up at Taylor Woodrow made little impact on the shares, which ended the session just 12p lighter at 18412p. John Castle has resigned as chief executive after just a few months in the job. The company said there had been a

question-mark has hung over NatWest Markets after the discovery of a £90 million blackhole earlier this year.

The prospect of a rising oil price was good news for the oil. producers. BP, reporting next week, rose 10¹zp to 876p. Shell, which is also coming out with figures, was 4p better at 42234p. There were also gains for Enterprise Oil, 1212p dearer at 666p, Cairn Energy 312p to 447p and Tullow 434p to 11312p. Lasmo also ad-

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Memory Corporation extended this week's strong run with a rise of 5p to 45p after signing a \$500,000 licensing deal with Hsin-Lin Computer of Taiwan, its new development partner. On Monday Hsin-Lin took out an option on one million Memory shares at 3812p after signing an agree-ment covering technology and supply.
The link-up with NEC

boosted Superscape VR 14p to 139p. Superscape said would be supplying its Do3D soft-ware, which helps to build virtual environments, to Japanese consumers early in the new year. GILT-EDGED: Prices

traded in narrow limits for much of the session before mustering the energy to put in late rally on the back of firmer overseas bond markets. Prices closed at their best levels of the day with gains stretching to Et4

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M&G would have to be

friendly - the family trust of

the founder still owns 33.5

is all by the bye. Years of

mediocre investment perfor-

mance have tarnished

M&G's reputation, yet it

scarcely looks a bargain.

After yesterday's 47.5p rise in

One can't help feeling this

per cent.

EVEN Redland's chairman admits that a share in Redland is an investment in assets not management. The price of the assets is therefore the crux of the matter in debating Lafarge's 320p per share offer. Unfortunately, the management in the past has done linle to make the assets shine and yesterday's defence document from Redland reached almost heroic levels of dullness. The only clue to the future strategy was in reference to discussions with the Braas family about Redland's 56 per cent holding in RBB and discussions with other parties interested in Redland.

There can be little doubt that Redland's advisers have mailshot every tilemaker and quarry owner in the hope of soliciting a nigher offer. However, the ralks with Mrs Bruhn-Braas are more interesting and indicative that Redland is seriously considering a

break-up. This is not without problems, the first being the means by which value will be returned to shareholders. Redland could easily sell its UK aggregates operations (competition is hot for quarries) but tax on the capital gain would erode much of the value and aggregates are a key source of cashilow.

What attracts Lafarge is RBB and the French are sensibly bidding when the market is weak. By selling the majority back to the Braas family, Redland would frustrate Lalarge but would it get a good price? A better solution would be to float RBB but that again spells jam tomorrow versus cash today. Most break-up valuations suggest a price of 500p and the issue is what premium for control today. If Lafarge has to pay a little more to woo shareholders, it won't do much better than yesterday's market price of 340p.

M&G

WITH or without the stock market correction, rumours of takeovers in the financial sector continue unahated. This time the gossip is that Halifax is interested in buying M&G Group, the unit trust and personal equity plan manager or, possibly. Mercury

Management. Taking this seriously for a moment. M&G looks the better bet. Like Halifax, it is a retail business whose customers are probably similar to those of Clerical Medical, the life and pensions business that Halifax swallowed up a couple of years ago. Mercury is dominated by its institutional pension fund business and its prima donna City fund managers are unlikely to take kindly to being shackled to the Yorkshire yoke.

Similar considerations ne-

ONE of this year's stock market darlings, life insurance, has taken a speciacular hammering, joining the banks as one of the bigger casualties of 100'srecent fall.

make little sense. Life insurers have benefited from good growth in pensions and savings products. Excitement over Europe-wide savings products after monetary union has energised share prices alongside hopes of further industry consolidation. But life companies are also

than a year to launch bids. but are reluctant to overpay. With the market still volatile, the City will expect bidders to pay in cash. Predators wanting to use their own

opening. Gaelic

elephants.
Gaelic Resources is therefore a useful addition to the pack. Colin Phipps, the founder of Clyde Petroleum

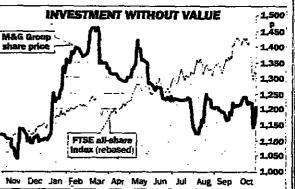
Despite its problems, its shares have still more than doubled over the last five years on the back of the buil run. Chances are M&G shares will be cheaper next year. Halifax should wait and so should you.

the share price to £12.05,

M&G is valued at a chunky 5

per cent of £18 billion or so of

funds under management.



Life insurers

At first glance, it seems to

a proxy for the market. More than half of their assets are invested in UK equities and it is for this reason that sentiment drained away from the sector this week. There are plenty of predators - composite insurers, banks and the converted building societies for whom a fall in the value of life insurers could be a heav-en-sent opportunity. They have been waiting for more

shares to finance bids will be disadvantaged, but for wealthy companies, such as the Halifax, the door is

Resources

THE maturing of the North Sea has made UK oil explorers a bit dull. Companies in this sector are more producers than explorers, valued as much on their cashflow as their assets. Those who long gambie on a weii have little to choose from. Aran Energy has disappeared into Statoil, while British Borneo and Cairn Energy have bagged their

and David Quick, head of Greenwich Resources, have reversed their vehicle, European Hydrocarbons, into this tiny Irish shell company. The deal leaves Gaelic with two prospects; a 30 per cent interest in a licence in the East Orkney Basin, where Kerr McGee is drilling a well, and a 1212 per cent stake in three licences in Portugal. Mohave Oil will drill two wells there early next year.

Gaelic has raised £3.5 million in a share placing and open offer, enough to finance the wells in East Orkney and Portugal. Gaelic believes there may be large oil and gas reservoirs hidden beneath salt domes in both areas but make no mistake, this is wildcat oil exploration in virgin territory where existing seismic surveys are of poor quality. Valued at £4 million today, Gaelic could million in a year's time, or a farthing. A mere bet on a horse, but the upside is huge.

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NEWS

Judge has power to free Woodward

Louise Woodward began a mandatory life sentence for the murder of eight-month-old Matthew Eappen - clinging to the hope that the judge in her trial may yet free her.

She faces the prospect of 15 years without parole after her conviction for second-degree murder by a jury in Massachusetts. But her lawyers will work over the weekend to make sure that she does not have to serve the sentence..... Page 1, 2, 3, 5, 22, 23

Diana charity card sellers 'miserly"

Two firms licensed to sell charity Christmas cards by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund were criticised for making miserly donations of barely five pence in the pound from the proceeds...

£5m masterpiece

A "worthless" painting in a Lancashire church could be a masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance worth up to £5 million...... Page I McAleese triumphant

Mary McAleese has won a landslide victory to become Ireland's eighth President Pages 1, 18

'Costlier' holidays Millions of tourists would face higher holiday costs if ministers press ahead with plans to prevent children from taking holidays during term-time, travel industry leaders claimed Page 17

Bill stirs fears The Government will come under

new pressure to ensure that the Human Rights Bill will not restrict media activity Page 8

Hypocrisy charge

Charities representing the elederly accused the Government of hypocrisy over its decision not to alter

Crowning glory

Experiment fails

An experiment to let birds of prey breed without interference on one of Scotland's sporting estates has led to a catastrophic decline inPage II

Church is guilty

The Pope admitted that Christian prejudice had contributed to the persecution of JewsPage 15

Liverpudlian sensitivities are on

Hillary Clinton "admonished" Northern Ireland's hardline politicians for not delivering the peace

French lesson sparks writing revival

A Kent school is the focus of attention after a teacher there taught her class of five-year-olds to use joined-up writing. Most children of that age can barely write two letters together on a line. The teacher's method was adapted from France Page 10

If the Royal Family wishes to reform itself into a populist monarchy, it might consider crowning the future King Charles III at Wembley ...

Hotel life

display as the Adelphi Hotel features in a TV series Page 17

Hillary gets tough

cold weather payments Page 8 that people want......

The Royal Yacht Britannia sails up the River Clyde on a two-day visit to Glasgow. She is to be decommissioned after her last voyage around Britian

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Michael Gove: Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke are not diplodoci thrashing around chaotically. The roars they emitted this week were the product of careful planning Page 20

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Cricket: Michael Atherton

twice offered to resign the

captaincy this summer but

was persuaded to stay by

Golf: Colin Montgomerie

took an eight and Bern-

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away as they dropped four

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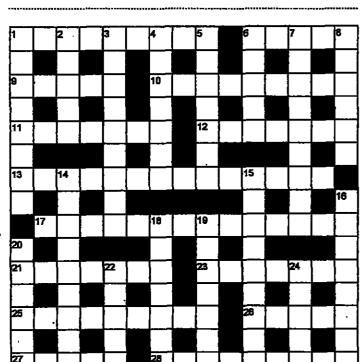
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ACROSS

- I Learning from book ultimately these days learner has advantage
- 6 Obscure French army to retreat?
- 9 A story new and strange (5).
- 10 Origin of a payment received by messenger (9).
- 11 Tree beginning to rally (7). 12 Vet injecting phosphorus into
- tiny creature (7). 13 Dye applied to cloth by worker who controls men in company? (6-
- 17 Finalist, I cycle extraordinarily accurately (14).
- 21 One who's lazy takes taxi with luggage to entrance of Euston (7).
- 23 Emotionally sensitive person dis-turbed by recurrent disorder (7). 25 Queen's pudding (9).
- 26 Convey to male representative of family (5).
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- iod ran, roughly (9). Solution to Puzzle No 20,620

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DOWN
1 Carrier hit — escalating gunfire cut by 50% (8).
2 A branch of the basket-making industry (5).
3 Murder done with guilt? It's measured in degrees (9).
4 Make blue cover to hold old record (7).
5 Noble supported by current king.

5 Noble supported by current king, like his predecessor (?).

Copper taken in by a butler resolved to burn the midnight oil

15 Run into bar after headless fowl

(9).

16 It's a bloomer to ride around America with the latest in fashion

22 A cry raised in lane (5).
24 Cheese essential for buffer table (5).

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18 Crown left without support, of course, totally upset (7).

19 Kind of lens that looks out of place, so to speak (4-3).

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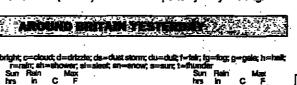
intervals after early fog. A band of light rain will edge slowly south across Scotland. There will be early sunshine in the east and south of Scotland. Tonight it will remain rather across southern Scotland, northwest England, North Wales and Northern Ireland, with the odd spot of rain. The rest of England and Wales will be dry, although widespread fog and mist will form, with frost in places. Northern

Scotland will be dry with clear spells. ☐ London, SE, Cent S England. East Anglia: Sunny after early fog. Light NE wind. Max 11-13C (52-55F). ☐ E.& W. Midlands, E., SW, Cent N, NE England, Channel Iss, S. Wales: sunny Intervals after early fog. Wind light variable. Max 10-12C (50-54F). ☐ N Wales, N W England, Lake Dist, IoM, N Ireland: Dull with mist and drizzle. Light SW breeze. Max 12-

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☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, S W Scotland, Glas-gow, Cent Highlands, Argyll: dull with drizzle but odd bright spell. Light W breeze. Max temp 13-15C (55-59F). Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shatland: Cloudy with patchy rain, bright later, Light to moderate NW wind. Max 11-14C (52-57F). ☐ Republic of Ireland: nazy sunshine after early mist; wind variable or NW, light, Max 10-12C (50-54F).

Outlook: Rain possible in parts of Scotland, but elsewhere tomorrow will be dry with sunny spells. Monday will be mostly dry, but rain will edge into southwest England and may reach southern parts by early evening.



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SATURDAY SPORT

HOW ATHERTON CAME TO STAY ON AS ENGLA



LAST NIGHT Michael Atherton played golf in the dark, a benefitvear stunt but a symbolic one. Atherton can see clearly now, the

the England captaincy, only to be persuaded to change his mind. It is two months since his dramatic decision to continue as. captain, yet the full account of the circumstances has until now remained untold. It involves most of the most prominent men in English cricket, all of whom made it a crusade to keep Atherton in

from his mind. He reflects refuc-

tantly, but with wonder, on the fact

that he twice attempted to resign

command. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, simply refused to accept his resignation when he first offered it in early August. David Graveney and David Lloyd, respectively chairman of selectors and coach, together converted him again on an extraordinary evening three weeks later, only hours before the announcement that he would continue. Even Alec Stewart, who would have inherited the post if Atherton had stood down, played a

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The Times has reconstructed these events and Atherton, though corroborating the story, would prefer it otherwise. He instinctively resists publicity — why else, on collecting his OBE at Buckingham Palace this week, would he avoid two exit signs directing him to-wards official and press photographers and escape through an

unmarked third door? He may also suspect that his late change of heart might be regarded as vaciliation, a sign of weakness. In fact, it is the opposite. He procrastinated only through concern that the team might need a change, but he resumes the job aware that he has the support of those within the game and many

outside it. The salient events began on Monday, July 28, as the fourth Test at Headingley ended in ignominiour defeat. England, 3-0 winners of the one-day internationals and

The drama of the 1997 Ashes series was matched by a secret saga of resignations and retractions.

Alan Lee unravels the twists in a tangled plot

triumphant in the first Test at Edgbaston, had regressed alarmingly. After a draw at Lord's, two heavy losses had followed.

Graveney recalls walking into the dressing-room an hour after the game ended. "Athers had come out of a tough press conference. He was sitting alone, staring ahead like a man who had seen a ghost." From that moment, Graveney knew he had a battle to protect and preserve the man he unswervingly believed should lead the side

against West Indies this winter. Two weeks later, when the Ashes were conceded at Trent Bridge,

Atherton told the chairman of selectors he should find a new captain. "He thought it better for the team - always his primary concern - that he should go before the final Test," Graveney said. Had it not been for Lord MacLaurin, that is what would have happened.

Atherton confirmed: "Ian Mac-Laurin basically rejected my resignation. He said he wanted to get away from the media pressurising individuals to go. It's true I was very conscious of the press view, that I had very little goodwill left and that it was my turn to suffer." With rich irony, Lord MacLaurin found himself in a similar position a month later. Infuriated by his failure to introduce a twodivision county championship, he was prepared to resign. Among the messages imploring him against it was one from Graveney, reminding him of his stance on Atherton. In his case, it was not the media but the county chairmen who dogged him. But Lord MacLaurin, too.

Atherton, however, felt his acceptance was only a temporary measure. He was convinced that the final Test, which was due to start at the Oval on August 21, would be his

last as captain, still more so when England collapsed feebly on the opening day and when his own batting began to depress him. "It was only there that I felt my batting just wasn't with it, mentally. It seemed to add to the case to stand

England's stunning victory, two days later, initially made no difference to Atherton. He intended to follow his own itinerary and take several days to consider the matter. "If we had not won at the Oval, there is no way I would be in the job now, but I didn't immediately see it that way. I just thought it ironic that I was under the greatest pressure to go when I could handle the side better than before, when I knew so much more and when I had a management team I could

really relate to." For five days, Atherton kept his own counsel. He went to Devon with his girlfriend, Izzie, and had

no contact with either the team adviser, his father, Alan. "I felt I had to work it out myself," he said. Yet on the morning of Thursday, August 28, when he rang

WITH GRAVENEY A BYSTANDER

ATHERTON WAS PERSUADED TO

CHANGE HIS MIND BY AN

MPASSIONED SPEECH BY LLOYD

Graveney, he remained unsure. Graveney took the call at Leicester, where he was watching the champions-elect, Glamorgan. "It was a relief to hear from him but I didn't ask him what he had decided and he didn't tell me. We just arranged to meet that night in the bar of the Regent's Park Hilton, opposite Lord's."

Both arrived on time at 7pm. Atherton bought drinks and Graveney, anxious at what lay ahead, steered him to the smoking section of the lounge and lit a cigarette. The first thing Athers said was that he still wasn't sure," he recalled. "For the next hour, I did my best but there were a lot of long silences from his side of the table. Finally, he said he thought it

was time for a change."
Immediately, Atherton asked
Graveney to join him at a Japanese restaurant for dinner. As they moved towards the lobby, however, Graveney asked him to wait while he made a phone call. He dialled Continued on page 34

Roll out the tumbrils and sharpen your act, Arsene

SOMEWHERE along the line, I got the wrong idea about Arsène Wenger. Perhaps it was his physical resemblance to Robespierre the famous "sea green incorruptible" of the French Revolution - but I took him to be the sort of man who would cleanse Arsenal's badboy image by sheer force of Gallic disdain. It's easy to picture him in a dog collar. too, I find. Nobody wears those weeny spees unless they have at some time flirted with

the Catholic church. So you can understand where the mistake arose. Oh yes, under this strict, high-

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ence, Ian Wright would definitely stop spitting at women. Tony Adams would become Piglet instead of Eeyore, and when he pushed back the wall ten yards, it would not be a real brick wall his car had just driven into. Once more the word "conviction" could be bandied conversationally at Highbury without all the players looking shifty and telephoning their lawyers.

But something went awry with this happy prospect. Not only are the Arsenal players still shoving refs, swearing at them and getting suspended, but Wenger keeps justifying

their behaviour in the depressingly familiar manner of the stupid football manager he's not supposed to be. "Emmanuel wanted to protect

himself as the referee was running his way," he extennated, lamely, after Emmanuel Petit pushed the ref. "Dennis has

lect," he said this week. (The indispensable Bergkamp has been suspended for three games, mainly for backchat.) Oh come on Arsène you can do better than that. Two

become some sort

Jason Crowe was sent off after only 33 seconds, on his debut appearance against Birmingham City. But Wenger ex-plained: "Bir-mingham had a

player sent off ear-lier, and the referee just wanted to make it ten against ten." Well. I've never heard

such a pathetic excuse. As for the fracas in August when Wright charged back on to the pitch at Leicester to argue with the ref - "it was a minor incident, a story blown up out of all reality". To which one

never saw Ian Wright jumping two-footed with his danyour glasses big enough? Having your best players der up. Perhaps it's a mistake to suspended is no joke. Next

weekend, Arsenal will meet think footballers can change. And perhaps Arsène is not an intellectual, after all. It's our Manchester United without either Bergkamp or Petit. Wright has missed six games national foible to confuse a this season already - and in French accent with deep thinking and to be impressed such a context, I can't help feeling that Wenger is being a bit silly complaining of a by a man who drops words like "omnipresent" into cosmic conspiracy against an fanzine interviews. But it's time to forget the subtle stuff,

innocent Arsenal. Arsène, and get tough with these boys. Tell them if they True, his lookalike, Robespierre, wrote: "Any institution mess up on the pitch, you'll have their heads chopped off. which does not suppose the people good, and the magistrate corruptible, is evil." But It worked for Robespierre. It then Robespierre probably can work for you.



Wenger's Highbury revolution is being undermined

drink makes for the soul's improvement,

The Epistle to Diognetus



Luke 4:8

IN THE past decade, Great

team represents only half the

country's best players. For

now, at least, the rest reside in

battle; the physical side,

against opponents generally more accomplished, is a more

demanding test of character.

Australia arise in the inexperi-

ence of their pack at interna-tional level and the fact that

they have jost their past three

tour visits to Wembley - in

1973, 1990 and 1994. All those

series were eventually won 2-1,

which, in the present climate.

Britain would probably settle

It is true that with their best

17. Britain can be competitive

and more, but without five pivotal players - Shaun Ed-

wards, Gary Connolly, Denis

Betts, Tony Smith and Keiron

the side is threadbare in parts,

whereas Australia can draw

from a treasure trove. If there

is a genuine threat to them, it

can only derive from complacency.

since 1988, Britain have man-

aged the happy knack of one win. The last 3-0 whitewash

was in 1986 and Britain have

to go back to 1959 for the last

series victory on home soil.

In the four series meetings

The only slight doubts about

Wembley offers slim hope for embattled Britain

By Christopher Irvine

Britain teams given almost no chance of winning have cob-

all conceivable logic. Even more than usual, logic suggests that Australia will win the opening match of the British Gas series at Wembley In the pall cast over the British game by the frighten-ingly one-sided world club Morley (Leeds). D Sampson (Castlelord).
AUSTRALIA: D Lockyer (Brisbane): B
Mutifies (Canberra). A Ethingshausen (Cronulla): R Girdler (Perrith). W Sallor (Brisbane). L Daley (Cenberra. captain). C
Gower (Perrith). W Stevens (Cronulla): S
Walters (North Queensland). B Thom (Brisbane). M Adamson (Perrith). G Tallie (Brisbane). D Smith (Brisbane). Substitutes: R Kearns (Melbourne). C championship, Australia look more daunting than at any time, if it were possible - and the Australian Super League

> e: P Houston (New Zealand). TELEVISION: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 1 30pm

the Australian Rugby League (ARL), whose team beat Eng-land in the 1995 World Cup Without a unified Australia team, this is not strictly an Worse than the rout of British club sides throughout 'Ashes" series and neither are the summer was the sobering Australia the Kangaroos - a thought that, far from having court ruled that the 89-year raised domestic standards, full-time professionalism and summer rugby have achieved nothing of the kind. The Super League, although entertaining enough, was exposed as super" in name only and so

inferior to the Australasian version as to be laughable. If the psychologist brought in by Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, can achieve anything, it will be to block out all negative thoughts about where comparisons between the world club championship the game then and now end. from players' minds. Persuad-Muscle is no longer the Australian prerequisite. The ing themselves that they can beat Australia is half the

ethos of five tackles and kick has given way to getting the ball wide from the rucks and quickly into the hands of such dangerous runners as Lockyer, Sailor and Ettingshausen, who can test the worst area of weakness shown by British sides in the world champion-

nickname was the "intellectual property" of the ARL - yet, Kangaroos or not, a win today would bring a feel-better factor to the battered domestic Three years ago, similar portents of doorn were swept aside at Wembley by Jonathan Davies and a try that enabled Britain to overcome the dismissal of Edwards and beat Australia by 8-1, which is



Goodway conducts training yesterday for the game with Australia at Wembley. Photograph: Victoria Matthers

Goodway has given free roles in attack to Andy Farrell and Jason Robinson because fire has to be met with fire.
"We're still obsessed with

the need for good field position and six-tackle completion rates, whereas Australia do those things automatically and now attack you from anywhere on the park," Goodway said. "It's no good simply trying to counter them. You've got to respond by being clever, adventurous and reacting to the situation."
Whether an untested team

is up to what Goodway is demanding, in terms of positional swapping and flexible game-plans, is one potential problem area. Another is the two-month lull for several players, notably Bobbie Goulding, who has not played since August because of suspension. The scrum half must be at his best if Britain are to stand any chance.

To say that a lot is expected of Farrell. not just of his captaincy, is an understatement. Playing a forward at stand-off half is hardly the risk associated with someone without his capabilities, but there is not just the goalkicking, tactical kicking and organising of the attack and defence to worry about. Somehow, he has to defuse Laurie Daley, the Australia playmaker.

The crowd this afternoon is expected to be roughly equivalent to the 41,000 that turned up for the opening game of the World Cup two years ago, again more in hope than expectation. England defied logic that day and beat Australia. Although heavy favourites, there are too many precedents for Australia to



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Montgomerie hit by force eight

Parnevik changes swing

to reap early reward

JESPER PARNEVIK, the US PGA Tour season, restrict-

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN JEREZ

COLIN MONTGOMERIE'S progress towards a fifth successive European Order of Merit title was rudely interrupted when he took an eight at the 16th hole in the second round of the Volvo Masters here yesterday. With only an eight-iron in

his hands, Montgomerie hit a shot out of bounds and then compounded this error with a couple more bad shots as well. dropping three strokes to par on a par-five hole where he would have been hoping for a birdie. Montgomerie then allowed

his somewhat combustible temperament to get the better of him. He chose to disagree with three rules officials as to whether or not his ball, which was in a ploughed field, was in play before accepting the decision of John Paramor, the tournament director and chief

"His ball was 25 to 30 yards out of bounds." Paramor said. l here should have been t there marking the out of bounds but we never expected anyone to be there." Montgomerie was 11 under

par on the 16th tee. He had appeared relaxed and at ease with himself for most of the round as he built on his overnight position of six under par. Bernhard Langer, his nearest rival in the race for the Order of Merit, was four strokes behind him and Darren Clarke had just concluded his second round, a 64, and was II under par. Montgomerie's drive on the

16th finished on the right of the fairway. From there he aimed across the dog-leg, away from the water at one side of the green. It was not a difficult shot, but his ball lay in fluffy grass that got between the ball and the club face, thus preventing him from getting any spin on it. The result was that he overhit the ball by 40 yards and it ended in the field. He

played a provisional ball, which ended in more fluffy grass behind a greenside bun-ker and from there hit what

Europe Ryder Cup player, picked the world's richest

tournament to try a new

swing and it worked for one

day at least, earning him a

the \$4 million Tour Champ-

The Swedish player, run-

ner-up in the Open Champ-

ionship this year, garnered five birdies to join the Ameri-

can pair, David Duval and

Jim Furyk, on 66, five under

par. Duval is seeking his third

of another American, Brad

Faxon, in the last event of the

They were one stroke ahead

tournament win in a row.

ionship in Houston, Texas.

Montgomerie's blood rushes to his head too quickly sometimes and his immediate

was now his fifth stroke into a

bunker, exploded to ten feet,

and two-putted.

reaction to the first rules official was to claim there were no out-of-bounds stakes visible and therefore his bail was still in play. As he stamped around in the field, he edgily waved photographers away. It took Paramor, a man of considerable experience and standing, to point out to him that the fence marking the boundaries of the course. had fallen forward.

It is puzzling the way that Montgomerie allows himself

ed to the leading 30 money-

winners this year. Tiger Woods, who heads the

Parnevik, after struggling

little alternative but to try a

different swing. "I tried probably my fifth swing this week. It worked today. I hit the ball

every day. The Open was the same thing. I was hitting it terribly. I just tried to find

something that worked, to get

the ball around. It was the

same today. It worked better

than I hoped."

verv well." Parnevik said. "I'm so used to changing

money-list, recorded a 69.

Lee Westwood, his playing partner, acknowledged, a piece of bad luck that he had hit a flier but Montgomerie could not control his temperament. It took him 40 minutes after he had signed his card before he cooled down enough to be able to talk and then he was very brief. "I had 163 yards to the hole

and my ball must have flown 190. he said, still visibly upset. "If I had taken a 64" could not have won today and I have certainly not lost it." With that he turned on his

Though Montgomerie's be-haviour indicated how much pressure he is under as he tries to do something never done before, one's sympathy for him is reduced when it is realised that this was the second, not the third or final round. He is still only four strokes behind Patrick Sjoland and Westwood, the leaders. More importantly, perhaps, he is level with Langer, who had problems of his own.

The German took three then took two shots to get out of a bunker on the 14th. He was so exasperated that he tossed his club at his golf bag. But Langer regained his com-posure and birdied the 18th for a round of 70 to join Montgomerie on eight under par. There is a lesson for Montgomerie in the way that

Langer deals with crises but it

appears to be one that he is

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HARDELOT, France: European Seniors
Tour qualifying school; Final qualifiers
(Great Britant and Ireland unless stated):
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unable to learn.

Gotla fires Archer to a shotgun success

BY MEL WEBB

THE fourteenth and final event in the regional final series of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge at Chart Hills yes-terday produced the closest — and most breathless — finish of the lot.

Heavy early-morning frost delayed the start until llam and led to a shotgun start, the result of which, golf having been completed, was to keep all 26 teams on tenterhooks until the last possible moment. Nobody knew who had prevailed until their names

vere announced. The Conrad Rithlat team stepped up to receive their third prizes, on a countback of the last nine holes against Marsh and McLennan.

Taylor Adland were next, second on 82 points. As one of the quartet turned away he was heard to hope that they had not been beaten by a single point. They had not, but that did not make defeat any easier to swallow, for they had been beaten by no points at all.



The winners were Archer Leisure, the nationwide operators of health and fitness chibs, who tied with Taylor Acland, but in scoring 44 points on the back nine eased their closest rivals into second place on a countback of the last nine holes.

The famous four did not know, they admitted after-wards, that they had come out on top. "It came as a complete surprise to us," Chris Gotla, their captain, said. His teammates - Marke Allen, Steve Davies and Paul Taylor were similarly dumbstruck.

Gotla, a two-handicapper who is a former Leicestershire county champion, was the acknowledged star of the Ar-cher team. He had a round of 7L one under par, and scored a magnificent 39 points on a Chart Hills course that does not yield easily to assault.

The high spot of the Archer round was the seven points

gamered by Goula and Davies on the 13th,
RESIGT. 85: Archer Leisure; Taylor Aciano (Archer Leisure win on countrack) 82: Connad Räthlat; Marsh 8. Mid.ellen Globel Broleng Lid (Cornad Räthlat third on countrack), 81: Prebon Yamane; Finches Lalguie 8. Sports Lid; Associated Nursing Services pic. 79: Sociate Generale; Capital Asset Finance Lid; The Children's Ward Appeal, Frimley Park Hospital 78: The Sectrical Contractors' Association; Citocen UK Lid; Emst & Young 77: Barcleys Bank Electrical Contractors' Association; Circen UK Lib; Ernet & Young 77: Berdeye Bark pic. 78: Girlinge; Kveemer Oit & Gas Lid; Coutts & Co. 75: UNLIM Lid; Aritur Andersen; The Wooden Spoon Society (Kant); Taylor Woodrow Property Co Lid. 74: Curtis Holt Lid. 78: X-CEL Communications Lid 72: London Metal Exchange 89: Metthews & Goodman 62: TMD Carat.

A TIMES NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION

Computer programmer wins £25,000 Formula One prize

I Fantasy Formula One competition is Ian Dowty (pictured), a 35 year-old computer programmer from Reigate, Surrey. His team, Dow Jones 2, scored 750 points at Jerez to take his total points over the course

series to 12,604. He wins our £25,000 top prize courtesy of our sponsor. Marlboro World Championship Team. In joint second place in the competition was Dennis

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Wood Racing

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FINAL LEADERBOARD AFTER

THE EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX

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A Bradley

J Madden

M Joannides

P Watley

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W Jones

G Lewis

S Rattley

Ms A Sleigh

MANAGER NAME

Shepherd, a sales manager for a chemical company from Inverbervie, Aberdeenshire and Michael Wood, a senior designer with Coarse Angling magazine

from Bromley, Kent. They share the £15,000 of runners-up prizes with £7,500 each. Mr Shepherd's team. Raith Rovers FC, and Mr Wood's team.

Wood Racing, both scored 797 points in the European Grand Prix to take their total points in the competition to 12,556.

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CHANGING TIMES

How Atherton was persuaded to stay

Continued from page 33 the number of Lloyd, waiting impatiently for news. "He didn't take it well and insisted I put Athers on the line," Graveney said, "I then stood around for the next 20 minutes, while all Athers seemed to do was nod and mumble the odd yes or no. When he rang off, he told me he would like to

Lloyd's passion has occa-sionally counted against him, but here it was used to the good. "I told him that if he resigned now, he would be putting at risk everything we had worked for over the past two years." he explained. "It was an impassioned speech," Atherton admitted, smiling. "He bent my ear to some

Atherton was also influenced by a call he had received that afternoon from Stewart. exhorting him to carry on. "In

the circumstances, that was quite a thing to do," he said. It was one more example of the esteem in which Atherton is held. Even if the route he took to reappointment was circuitous, the process was positive for a captain who has become stronger through adversity.
Today he is bright-eyed and

upbeat. The stress lines of summer have gone and he speaks convincingly of winning in the Caribbean and of his ambition to win 100 Test caps (he has 73 so far), the majority as captain. months on, I can look back and wonder what all the fuss was about. I've had no second thoughts, none at all. The problem was that I got enveloped in the story of the moment. My form wasn't great and I wasn't looking at it all objectively. I thought I was coping but I now realise there

was a period when I wasn't."

Lamb calls for restraint

TIM LAMB, the chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, yesterday urged counties to show restraint in their contract offers to available players and avoid the costs threatening other sports. He expressed concern that inflationary salaries could have a detrimental long-term effect on the domestic game. Shane Warne, the Australia

leg spinner, was reported to have been offered more than £150,000 by Northampton-shire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex before deciding to reject the chance to play in England and Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, was on a similarly lucrative contract with Glamorgan last

season. Jonathan Barnett, who acts as the agent for Chris Adams, released by Derbyshire, has been quoted as wanting around £20,000 a year more for his client than any other English player. But Lamb said: "We have

an overriding responsibility not to pay more than the game can afford. We do understand that it is important to pay the players fair levels of remuneration, but we have a responsi bility to invest in the future of the sport, from the development of players to the improvement of facilities, and it would be irresponsible of us to overspend. I believe those of us at the centre of the game should be urging restraint in

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Quarter-finals: Men: Wong Ewee Man (Malaysa) bi B Sentoso (Indo) 15-8, 15-8; T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bi Chang Jeng-shyuang (Tarwar) 15-6, 15-4; P Rasmussen (Den) bi Tara Kat-chuan (H)Q, 15-2, 15-9; P G-Christensen (Den) bi Fung Permadi (Talwar) 15-11, 7-15, 15-4; Women: Zhu Yunyi (Chria) bi Park Yoon-louing (S Kor) 12-10, 1-11, 11-6; Wurthurmin (Chria) bi Koon Walche (HK) 11-2, 6-11, 11-5; Gong Ruing (Chria) bi B Beenhald-ar (Hol) 12-11, 11-7; Lee Kyung-won (S Kor) bi Huang Chia-chi (Tawan) 11-5, 11-8.

CRICKET

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CYCLING

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P Torkov (Russ) 1,403; 8. A Torther (Lier)
1,236; 7. E Zebsel (Ger) 1,134; 8. F
Casagrande (fi) 1,102; 9. J Musseure (Ber)
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FOR THE RECORD York Rangers 3: St Louis 2 Colorado 2 (OT): Calgary 4 Phoenix 2.

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- SPEEDWAY -YOUNG SHIELD: Final, second leg: Exeler 57 Long: Eston 32 (Exeler van 86-83 on aggi

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15 readers shared 14th place with 12235 points

Time to bring on the sports stars full of substance

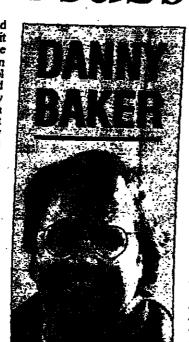
f I heard the thing right, and don't make me sign for this, it seems as if a group of teenage girls out in China have been swimming up and down the pool in times that make the world and Olympic records look as if they were set by Clare Short with weights around her ankles. Now it turns out that the times they achieved will not be recognised because, before their dip, the sweet young things had all been chewing on some unknown weed or root that acts upon them as spinach to Popeye. Am I alone in getting thoroughly cheesed off with this idiotic board of weights and measure merchants who keep stealing away triumphant sporting pinna-cles from the world because of technicalities born in the backroom test tube?

Isn't it about time, for instance, that we held two Olympic Games simultaneously rather as the exciting Alternative (drag) Miss World has sprung up alongside the dreary old real thing? One Games would be the traditional noble but restricted event based upon classical ideals and honest sweat, while the other would feature an equally superb array of athletes who happen to be hepped up to the eyeballs on tearaway junk. I know which one I'd tune into. I mean, how fast can a human body run 100 metres? How high can we iump given the chance and Right Stuff? We just don't know.

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Nices de

Surely anyone who, as a child. saw the film The Absent-Minded



Professor, and marvelled at the basketball players constantly airborne, will always have a nagging voice somewhere in the back of their heads as to the body unchained. Does literature deny itself its Alices or Fear & Loathings? Whither Sgt Pepper. Electric Ladyland, Pet Sounds or Blonde on Blonde without a bracing off-mike fillip? (OK. OK, I've heard Be Here Now but I'm not claiming a coconut every time.) So why is sport so squeamish

Up your jumper revisited

ty? Sport is not about fusty old ledger-book attainment but rollicking global entertainment.

Imagine for a moment a test case. Covenity City v Everion the other week; 0-0. Self-styled worst match in the world. Nineteen thousand or so paying customers groan at the half-time whistle knowing they've got plemy more to endure. How much more of a winner warmer would it be for those attending if they knew that somewhere behind the scenes right then, Gordon Strachan and Howard Kendall were opening a wall-mounted medicine chest and saying: "Well boys, that was atrocious. We owe these people a spectacle. You're going out for the second half full of amphetamines." What larks, Pip! No time-wasting at corners or painstaking delibera-tion at free kicks. Crash bang wallop. Gimme the ball, gimme the ball just gimmetheball! The only drawback might be players isking the referee how long was left every thirty seconds, but even that might be amusing to watch.

This is not to argue for the decriminalisation of drugs. Simply the banning of drugs-testing. Leave it up to the individual athletes or coaches concerned and have the authorities decline from "busting" dressing-rooms. Then if Chinese teenagers swim four lengths of the pool in 15 seconds, then 15 seconds it is. The rival chemists in the United States will simply have to pull their socks up.





Yuran at the pinnacle of his career, left, and slumming it against Italy in the World Cup this week

Yuran, the Lion in winter

I must confess it was very peculiar watching Sergei Yuran playing for Russia against Italy on Wednesday. I had hoped he was ... well, not dead but certainly a hopeless vodka-addict wandering lost at the bottom of some forgotten Soviet mineshaft. That way his name would never arise and cause people to say ... 'Hang on ... Yuran ... didn't he play in England for a while for somebody ridiculous?"

Yes, he rotten did.

He and his fellow Russian international, Vasali Kulkov, both signed on for Millwall two years ago amidst much rannygazoo and promises of Five Year Plans. God, it was embarrassing. Every supporter of a Premiership side I know suddenly found reasons to "bump into" me just so they could say with ill-concealed smirks: "So, uh, how are the Russians doing at your place ..?" They knew all right. I smelt something peculiar from the very start. Think on this. Sergei Yuran — fresh from an impressive 94 World Cup and late of Benfica — suddenly arrives at Millwall, under the arches in SE13, to shape up for a home debut versus Chester with the words: "This is the pinnacle of my career." I'm not joking. He actually said: This is the pinnacle of my career."

Then, after we got beat 1-0 he offered: This is everything I

thought it would be. It is like a around defences from Wigan and dream for me."

To be fair, unlike the mysterious Kulkov, Yuran did actually play for Miliwall. It was between halfpast four and twenty to five during a game against Wolves. He was brilliant during that ten minutes. Then, as if remembering some dark promise to those who had initiated this bet, he suddenly belted a Wolves defender and was ordered from the pitch. Later, he turned out for the team on something like a regular basis but, that one mad spell aside, he seemed to spend most of his time wandering

THERE will be none of my usual pre- and post-match predictions today. My daughter had a birthday this week and the tumult in our house acted upon my psychic processes like a strong wind acts upon the reception of Teletext. For what it's worth, however, I did inexplicably forget my team was at home on Wed nesday night against Bristol City and loafed the evening away drinking two bottles of Merlot. I learnt next day they had crashed 2-0 in an appalling display. When you've got the gift you've got the gift. Bristol, his mind far away, as Fred Kite so perfectly put it, on "all them wheatfields and ballet in the evenings".

One friend of mine swears he played against Gillingham in a furry Russian hat but I think this is just wishful thinking. As for Kulkov, I don't know. He certainly made a debut of sorts, but was then the recipient of a string of dubious ailments and he just disappeared like a kulak in a crackdown. What an odd period that was.

There is still no proper explanation of how these two roving Russkies were lured to London, south. True, they pulled down about five grand a week for a whole year but they could have got that any place. They certainly got fat in their time in exile. Whatever. We Millwall supporters don't even talk about them now. The joke's over. But then, on Wednesday, here is Sergei again, slimmer, covered in snow on worldwide TV and causing the Italian national team all kinds of

How very different from an away game for the Lions at Home Park, Plymouth. But then that was at the pinnacle of his career.

☐ Danny Baker is on Talk Radio (1053-1089am) every Saturday from 5.30pm.

Referee's piques and troughs

MUCH as I enjoyed the sending off of Arsenal's Perit for touching the referee, I must say the official concerned, Mr Durkin, really ought to have looked more shame-faced about it. A rule that doesn't allow one man to touch another simply because they have been allocated different hats within a national pastime is both pretentious and emasculating. Touching or even light shoving referees cannot be confused with

assault or threatening behaviour. In the event Mr Durkin became very theatrical. He effected anger and outrage. His eyes bulged and his mouth wobbled like Mussolini at his height and it seemed all he could do to step himself looking straight at the cameras and frothingz: "Did you see that? Did you see what he did! That was assault, wasn't it? I could have him locked up for that!" (He did actually shout something but the replay showed it was merely a disappointing "Get off").

The point remains, however, that he showed pique when referees are not entitled to take things personally with embarrassing shows of emotion, otherwise they may as well burst into tears when a team they don't like scores a goal. If I see Mr Durkin in my local Tesco's queueing for a hot chicken I shall make it my business to jostle him. Only by such actions might the FA be dragged into the real world.

Charlton's master class

Just how good was Jack Charlton during the commentary on Ireland v Belgium? He was very good. Wrong calls, offmike muttering, unrepentant opinion in the face of a replay. belligerent, subjective and partisan. He said "we" and "us" about Ireland and "them" and "they" about Belgium, Tremendous, The David Pleats and Garth Crooks of the world were made to stand naked. In one 90-minute masterclass, Jack called everything as he saw it, even when his vision was superbly cock-eyed. All of which deeply underlined the traditional British coverage cop-out of re-maining even, calm and dispassionate while reporting on a sport whose worldwide triumph is built on just the opposite.

Park's Tour

hopes rise

Coughlan and David Park,

have only one more hurdle to

clear to gain players' cards for the PGA European Tour

next year. They made it to

the Tour School, over six

rounds at San Roque and

Guadalamina, in southern

Spain from November 20-

25, by being among the leading qualifiers from the final rounds of the pre-

qualifier events. Steven

Young, from Scotland. qualified from the French venue of St Cyprien on

the Walker Cup players,

EGOLF: Richard

the waters are still muddy.

EVERY day I receive bulging sackfuls of letters in response to my query recently about the legality of letting a goalkeeper stuff the ball up a player's shirt, then having that player run the length of the pitch in order to dump the ball across the opposing line in the manner of laying an egg. Goal? Most seem to think the manoeuvre is covered by ungentlemanly conduct that will get the culprits a booking, but are undecided on whether the score stands. A Mr Butcher, of Exeter, is convinced that such a goal was actually scored long ago, that the goal stood but that the rules of the game were then swiftly changed. However, I can find no such direct reference in the FA rulebook and this, coupled with the news that Mr Butcher

takes as his source a dimly remembered Sporting Facts page from a *Dandy* annual, leads me to think

However, this period while the jury's out does give me an opportunity to pose my favourite football question of all time, to which there is a clear answer. And here it is: How can a player score two goals for his own side and in the meantime have no one else touch the ball? Got that? Now this is no trick. It could happen quite easily in any game.

The answer is brilliant but unremarkable so don't start involving earthquakes, wordplay or refer-ee's backsides. It's a simple poser: Player scores both goals in a 2-0 victory and between goals nobody else touches the ball. Answer next week.

MOTOR RALLYING

McRae steps up title pace

COLIN McRAE claimed a clear lead at the end of the first full day of the Australian rally yesterday, after the retirement of Juha Kankkunen, of Finland. The British driver, in a Subaru, finished with an overall time of thr 32min 26sec. McRae, who must win in Australia to keep alive his

world title challenge, was nine seconds ahead of Richard Burns, his compatriot, in a Mitsubishi. Tommi Makinen of Finland, the world championship leader and title-holder, in a Mitsubishi, was sixth, Imin 41sec behind McRae. Kankkunen, fastest on the eleventh and final stage of the

day, was withdrawn by his Ford team because he was no longer in a position to finish among the leaders after an earlier time penalty. Alister McRae, the younger

brother of Colin, driving a Volkswagen, was in third place among the two-litre World Cup contenders.

A PRIZE DRAW THE FATTIMES

FOUR FABULOUS CARS TO BE WON



The Times has teamed up with I The Sunday Times and Churchill Insurance to offer readers the chance to win one of four exciting cars worth around £20,000 each.

The Lotus Elise is one of the most exciting cars of recent years, technically imovative with fabulous styling and incredible handling.

The Freelander is for those who want the style of an off-roader but the practicality and easy driving of a saloon. The VR6 is the raciest Volkswagen Golf of them all, sexy in black with black leather interior: and the Espace, above, is for serious weekend drivers, diesel-powered for maximum fuel savings on long journeys with flexible loading space.

Churchill hismance's commitment is excellent cover and top-quality service for less though Carinsurance quotatiens are easy to obtain, free of charge, by telephone. Cover can be given instantly to customers paying by credit card, or payments can be spread over 12 months. Claims are handled quickly and efficiently by a nationwide chain of approved repairers. Coursesy

cars are available and, in the unlikely event Churchill fails to meet agreed standards of service, the next renewal premium will be reduced by 120.



1 HOW TO ENTER Collect ten differently numbered tokens from The Times and two differently numbered tokens from The Sunday Times. A final token will be published in The Sunday Times tomorrow. Attach your tokens to an entry form (the last one will appear on inmorrow). Entries must be received by the closing date of Monday November 10, 1997.

CHANGING TIMES

EQUESTRIANISM: BRITONS DISAPPOINT ON OPENING DAY OF WORLD CUP SHOW

Brazilian riders strike first blow

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

BRAZILIAN riders dominated the opening speed class of the Millstreet Volvo World Cup Show yesterday, Alvaro de Miranda Neto, on Arisco Lucky Strike, and Rodrigo Pessoa, on Loro Piana Wanda, finishing first and second respectively. Edward Doyle, on The Great Composer, brought some cheer to the Ireland side

by finishing third. Although many of the 58 riders — including most of the Britons - appeared to be using the competition as a "school" for the bigger events to come, the dashing De Miranda Neto, 24, was as delighted with his win as if he had won the World Cup. "It's my first time here and I could not ask for a better start - I just hope it continues." he

it was a fine return to form by Arisco Lucky Strike, who finished seventh in the Hamburg Derby two months ago. but was withdrawn from the Helsinki World Cup Show two weeks ago because of injury. De Miranda Neto, who is based in Brussels, has been placed regularly on the international circuit this summer. He attributes his confidence to his ream bronze-medal win in Atlanta - the first time Brazil had won a medal in an Olympic equestrian event. "It made me train harder because it told me that nothing is impossible," he said. Di Lampard, one of 14

Britons here, arrived just as the class was starting after fog had delayed her flight. With no time to walk the course, she gamely leapt aboard Equity, a 2-year-old owned by Jenny Willment, nearly to fall when the mare stopped abruptly at the second fence. William Funnell, ninth, on

Comex, and Tim Stockdale, eleventh, on Toggi Santa's Echo, produced the best British performances. Michael Whitaker, preparing the rejuvenated Two Step for the Volvo World Cup qualifier tonight - the main event of

the German gelding a gentle school, incurring 1.25 time faults. John Whitaker had a less satisfactory outing on Cowboy Magic Barry Bug. incurring 12 faults. The British were again out

the three-day meeting - gave

of luck in the Horseware Power and Speed competition, the Irish, led by Trevor Coyle on Bollvorms' Vivaldi, producing a clean sweep, with Stockdale fourth on Halida.

Only ten of the 56 starters went clear over the first eight fences to qualify for the second speed part of the event. Nick Skelton, one of Britain's best hopes, failed to qualify when Virtual Village Zalza knocked

a brick out of the wall.

SNOOKER: WORLD CHAMPION STAVES OFF UPSET TO ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

Durable Doherty back from brink

PROM PHIL YATES IN MALTA

RELIEF was etched all over the face of Ken Doherty, the world champion, after he passed a test of character to defeat Joe Grech 5-4 in the quarter-finals of the Malta Grand Prix here on Thursday.

Doherty is playing poorly, yet it was difficult to imagine Grech, a silver-haired former motorcycle messenger with the Maltese Government who stands 155th in the world rankings, posing too many

Yet only three hours after Alex Borg. another unknown Maltese player, had unexpectedly beaten Mark Williams, the world No 4. Doherty faced the prospect of an identical fate against an opponent best known for his billiards prowess.

An upset seemed to be in the offing

when Doherty trailed 4-3 with Grech 31-0 ahead in the eighth frame. But despite the majority of the reds being awkwardly placed. Doherty fought back to 44 and comfortably added the decider.

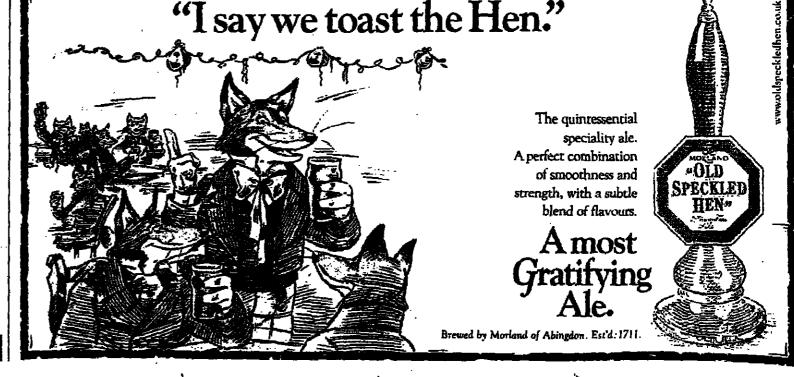
There were times when I thought I was on the plane home." Doherty said. In the semi-finals tonight, Doherty faces Alain Robidoux or Tony Drago and Borg plays John Higgins or Nigel Bond.

E CYCLING: Brian Cookson, chairman of the British Cycling Federation executiv committee. is the only

Thursday.

nomination to fill the vacancy at the annual meeting of the organisation in Manchester today.

CRICKET: England beat New Zealand by four wickets in Auckland yesterday in the opening game of their Cricket Max series. Chris Adams top-scored with 56.



FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Optimism dies with Barnsley

This week Mark Hodkinson reports that Manchester United's win was a cause for gloom, not rejoicing, in football as a whole

hen the kicking and screaming is over, and the good people are back in their homes, the football ground is left in its own peculiar solitude. Silence is infinitely louder in places that have recently been alive with noise and energy, places such as Old Trafford on a Saturday evening.

Just a few hours earlier, it had

been a metropolis of restless hubbub but, by nightfall, it was half-asleep in the half light. Silvery clouds were picked out against the sky by a low of orange, while darkness consorted with a mist encroaching from the Manchester Ship Canal. On this cold. damp evening, the world seemed to stand still, and walking away from Manchester United felt like walking away from a

It is only football. of course, but football is sport and sport is a celebration of life. Barnsley did not so much lose against United, they died, and

slipping into the eternal night with them was every dreamer and optimist who had invested so much in this impudent football club from provincial England.

When Barnsley clinched promotion to the FA Carling Premiership. the response across the country was extraordinary. We are a nation that covets the underdog and, in Barnsley, we had found the apogee of this obsession. On that mild, sunny day in April when Barnsley defeated Bradford City to ensure promotion. we rejoiced because this was a corner-shop team, homespun and small town, set to take on the conglomerates of Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United. Hope and optimism had suddenly made

On Saturday, as United flattened Barnsley to record a 7-0 win, our idealism was mocked, our hopes made foolhardy. The scoreline did not flatter United; if anything it underplayed the difference between the two teams. Now "The Killing Field" was the headline in the Manchester Evening News and, for once perhaps, a newspaper head-line was apropos to the circum-

stances. The match was uncomfortable to watch; United played with a glee that bordered on misanthropy and toyed with their opponents like a car with a dazed mouse. A towel from the Barnsley bench would have been a merciful release.

Such emphatic served previously for cup matches, when top teams were drawn against the grafting journeymen of non-league or lower league football. A bunch of craggyfaced, barrel-chested

blokes would charge around pur-posefully but vainly and lose 8-0 to the sleek, moustachioed professionals in tight shorts. There was a natural order, and all was well with

arnsley's defeat is all the more onerous because they are of the same division as United. When a team can inflict such cynical damage on a supposed peer, all is far from well. It basically condemns Barnsley and their ilk to a ghetto at the bottom of the league. where the only respite from defeat upon defeat is the occasional win against Coventry City or Bolton Wanderers. Promotion seems futile and merely a gangplank along which only sadists and fools would



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Cole scores in the 7-0 demolition last week, a score that may have flattered the visitors. Below: how the Manchester Evening News saw it

tracksuits charged with motivating teams such as Barnsley often jab the ribs of their young bulls and rethem, Reds in soccer carnage 🚆 "they've only got two legs and two

arms, just like you". This is true, of course, but such lifestock has been collected from around the world at any price and nurtured with startling intensity. It would appear that there is not a player, nor indeed a schoolboy footballer, who has not been assessed by the all-seeing eye of Manchester United.

mind

Most of the Barnsley team would be pushed to claim a place in United's reserve team, such is their surfeit of talent. Ronnie Wallworkand John Curus, two of United's reserves, both played against Barnsley and immediately looked as if they were born to such a

No team is mfallible, and, on any given day, the excessively moneyed teams will be beaten by the alsorans. Where this might have once happened on, say, a monthly basis, it will now occur as frequently as a snowstorm in June.

Shelagh Delaney, the playwright born just a few miles from Old

The play's main gawky. unattractive teenager, meets Jimmy, a darkskinned sailor, while he is on shore leave. Her life is suddenly flushed by romance and a ringe of the exotic. Jimmy departs, without leaving a forwarding address, and Jo discovers she's pregnant. "The dream has gone, but the baby is

summerising

Barnsley's predica-

ment in a scene drawn from her

slice-of-life drama,

A Taste of Honey.

Misconduct charge for Hartson after outburst

By Our Sports Staff

JOHN HARTSON, the West Ham United striker, has been charged with misconduct by the Football Association over his verbal attack on Mike Reed, the referee, after the FA Carling Premiership game

with Leicester City on Monday. Hartson was inceased when the Birmingham official booked five West Ham players in a match that Leicester won 2-1. Hartson described Reed as "a homer," claimed that his performance was "a disgrace" and that "he deserved a nought-out-of-ten mark". But on Wednesday he issued an apology to Reed.

Ryan Giggs will not be asked to fly out to Brazil for a Wales international within hours of Manchester United's Premiership match away to Arsenal. Wales play in Brasilia on November 11, but Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, has decided not to include the winger in a 17-man

squad.

The Wales party is due to fly out late on the preceding Sunday -just hours after the Highbury game finishes. It is felt that Giggs will not have enough time to recover after such a high-profile

Denis Irwin celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday by being given an extension to his Manchester United contract. Irwin, who has been at Old Trafford since 1990, will stay until 1999.

Bradford City have signed Gary Walsh, the Middlesbrough goal-keeper, for £500,000. Walsh, 29, has spent the past month on loan at the club and will play in the Nationwide League first division game against West Bromwich Albion today.

Ipswich Town have failed in a bid to sign Don Goodman, the Wolverhampton Wanderers striker. The clubs agreed a fee of £250,000 but the Goodman, 31, could not sort out personal terms.

WALES SCHAD: N Southell (Evertor), P Jones (Soutrampton), S Jenkins (Huddersted Town), R Page (Wattond), A Williams (Wolverhampton Wanderens), K Ready (Queens Park Rangers), J Robinson (Charlton), J Oeter (Everton), A Williams (Southampton), M Pembridge (Shelf Wad), P Trollope (Derby), G Speed (Everton), S Hearton, Williams K Milliams (Richarl M Hushes).

Pressure increases on Dutch coach with Barcelona facing elimination from the European Cup

Van Gaal feeling the pain in Spain

his evening, a huge and passionate crowd will pack the Bernabeu stadium to see the duel of those eternal rivals. Real Madrid and Barcelona. Barcelona are top of the Spanish league with 22 points, Real are second with 18. Both are unbeaten, yei Barcelona are still under fire . . . from their disgruntled supporters, from a relentless local press.

Whatever they have done in the league, they are failing wretchedly and humiliatingly in the European Cup Champions' League, where Real are under full sail. Last week, after giving away an early headed goal at the Bernabéu. Real thrashed Olympiakos, of Greece. 5-1. Barcelona, meanwhile, were going down 3-0 to Dynamo Kiev, virtually ending their chance of qualifying for the quarter-

Bobby Robson might allow himself a small smile at the prospect. Last season, though he won two lournaments as manager of Barcelona, the Cup Winners' Cup and the Spanish Cup, the supporters never took to him and his methods any more than they and the local press had patience with Terry Venables, after he had won the championship for the first time in many years. "We don't want

Barcelona to play like Queens Park Rangers [Venables's previous club]," a Barcelona journalist remarked, the season after Venables had

Now the incumbent is the Dutchman, Louis van Gaal, and one wonders how long he will stay. Again, his methods and tactics have not gone down well, quite apart from those dire European results. Unlike Johan Cruyff, an Ajax man through and through. like Van Gaal, the latter did not spend years in Spain as a Barcelona star and hero. He came straight from a club where he had passed his whole coaching life, coming up from the junior ranks, working largely



with players who had been moulded into the Ajax

A vastly different set-up from Barcelona, where money is no object. And where, unhappily for Van Gaal, the man who might have made all the difference, the prolific Brazilian, Ronaldo, was spirited away by Internazionale.

Another Brazilian Anderson, bought from AS Monaco, has scarcely compensated for him. Van Gaal, indeed, has been made to bite the bullet and restore the voluble French striker, Christophe Dugarry, to the side after dropping him and being strongly rebuked in consequence.

There is still superabundant talent: two other Brazilian forwards in Giovanni and Rivaldo; De la Peña, adroit and inventive in midfield; Figo the powerful Portugal international right winger, the versatile Luis Enrique and Guardiola, an elegant creator when fit.

📉 omehow, things still are not happening and Van Gaal does not even seem acceptable to his old Ajax pupils. He wanted to buy for \$10 million the fractions midfield player Edgar Davids, from AC Milan. Fabio Capello. the Milan manager again



Real, by contrast, have made light of Capello's departure. While he suffers at Milan, Jupp Heynckes, his German successor in Madrid, coaches a winning team. He will be pleased with the midweel form of his Yugoslavia striker. Mijatovic, scorer of a hat-trick in Hungary. In young Raul, the Spain international content to operate behind Mijatovic and Suker, the Croatia striker, Real had their best native born attacker since Butragueno.

lsewhere, foreign

managers have had mixed fortunes.

nowhere more so than in the

Borussia Dortmund had won

Bundesliga. There, after

the European Cup, their manager, Ottmar Hitzfeld, surprisingly moved upstairs and gave way to the Italian, Nevio Scala, unemployed for a season after seven good years It looked a sound choice. Scala speaks German well, he has a German wife. Much good has it done him. Borussia have done reasonably well in the Champions' League, losing only their most recent game, ironically at Parma. But Borussia's players have been up in arms against Scala from the start of the season, unhappy with his training, his tactics and the fact that they were no longer allowed to use their own. favoured physiotherapist in Munich. The climax came when, this week. Borussia were knocked out of the German Cup by Eintracht Trier, a regional third-

division team. "That really

Jürgen Kohler, the centre

back, said: "We are facing

who doesn't understand

a relegation struggle, Anyone

that should think of changing

hurt," Scala admitted.







Trading places: Scala, left, Heynckes, centre, and Capello have experienced mixed fortunes



Van Gaal has failed to reproduce Barcelona's domestic form in European competition: | know it will. I have taken all

Lee stands firm in struggle to rebuild City

Matt Dickinson talks to a chairman

under pressure to deliver success

t around 7.30am today, the blame and I want to be as is his ritual every morning, Francis Lee will finish his gym workout and stand under a cold shower. The self-inflicted punishment will not stop there; a multitude of cypics will chortle when he leaps into his Mercedes and heads for Manchester City's Nationwide League first division match away to Oxford United,

While it is the sanity of City's famously loyal supporters that has come under regular analysis, few have asked why the chairman - a self-made millionaire, contented family man and singlefigure golfer with a passion for racehorses and the money to indulge it — should continue in a job that has, at times, drained his natural ebullience, as well as his bank balance. When the mob gathers outside Maine Road and the poisonous letters slip through his mailbox, why does he not walk

The answer is as blunt as you would expect from a man who, despite his lack of inches. famously picked not one but two fights with the Leeds United heavyweight, Norman Hunter. "If you are going to let a couple of dozen idiots drive you out, then you should not be here in the first place," he

when there has been trouble, my wife says to me that I should go back to the slow lane, but if you let the mob element get through to you and say 'I am packing this up', then they have won. The next thing they will do is create pressure for the manager and then the club is totally unmanageable - and it cannot get that way. A few spectators can't be allowed to change things at a whim.

"There was a group of people after the Stoke City defeat shouting and bawling. but when you consider how far we have come, how much has been invested, you know you must go on. The frustration of knowing what is round the corner is what makes it so. one else get all the credit because it will turn around, I

here when it happens." There are some who will -

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claim that Lee faces a long wait. City's recent plunge into the relegation zone was the lowest point in the club's 110-year history and rebuilding the brittle confidence that has eroded players skills over the past few turbulent years is not proving easy, even for a manager of Frank Clark's pragmatic talents. The clatter of workmen con-

structing a new indoor astroturf pitch and offices at the Platt Lane complex is tangible proof, though, of the spirit of regeneration that Lee talks about and he has backed his words with actions by giving up his racehorse training to concentrate on revitalising the club that he led to the league championship and success in Europe in his days as an England striker.

He rattles off the figures -£20 million on players, £12.5 on a new stand and £3.8 million on the training ground - that have been invested since his arrival more than three years ago and he cites the 75,000 replica shirts sold in just four months since a new deal with Kappa.

T e talks excitedly of the unique arrangement with a local school that is allowing 20 teenagers to spend 12 hours a day of their become professional footballers under the guidance of Paul Power, a former City player, a forerunner of the academies that Howard Wilkinson, the Football Association technical director, is so determined to implement. It is the end, he hopes, of Manchester United's monopoly on gifted youth.

It is all in place, he claims, apart from the results on the pitch. "Do I look like a man who is worried?" he asked. "I was running a company with a £89 million turnover and 120 employees while I was still a player. That was 18 hours aday stuff, serious pressure. Stand under a cold shower very, very difficult. Anyway, I first thing in the morning and can't leave now and let some you appreciate that there are greater problems out there in

. And so to Oxford.

FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Plenty of goals in extra time

The Peter Beardsley show is a much-loved classic that looks destined to run and run

ot inside, he said. Over there, instead. He pointed to a row of backless, blue plastic seats. The shouts and exhortations of the youth-team players, still out training, carried over on the wind. Peter Beardsley wanted to talk first, get changed later. He pulled on a sweatshirt and began, the plumes of his breath dashing out into the cold, crisp Lancashire air. And, for an enchanting few minutes, it was like listening to 121 years of the

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reminiscences of Little Big Man. His fondest memory, he said, was the goal he chipped over Joe Corrigan against Brighton and

Hove Albion five minutes from the end of the 1983-84 season. He was in the Newcastle United team, then, the team of Chris Waddle and Kevin Keegan that had won promotion to the old first division. There was not another scored in Kevin Keegan's time at the club as a play-er," he said. "That's what made it special."

Then there was the Liverpool team of the late Eighties. He won two league titles there, in 1988 and 1990, and the FA Cup in between. They went 29 games unbeaten at

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one stage, that team that was one of the great sides of recent years. John Barnes, Ray Houghton and Craig Johnston helped him to create the chances, John Aldridge finished them all off. "In those first two years there," he said,

have seen bar none." At Everton, he played in a misfiring team during the ill-fated second coming of Howard Kendall. In a poor side, he was still like a gem, sparkling amid the dross, always playing his heart out, rarely

falling below his best. Amid it all, of course, there was the success with England, too, the partnership with Gary Lineker that seemed to be the perfect match, the creator matched with the best predator there was. In the World Cup finals of 1986 and 1990, they brought their country the most

success it had had since 1970. Then it was back home to

integral part of the team that came so close to bringing the club its first league championship for nearly 70 years in 1996, but was pipped by Manchester United. He stayed on and began to prepare to join the coaching side of the club.

And that is where Beardsley's history lesson, his happy narrative of a brilliant career packed with fulfilment and excellence, should have ended. That is where he wanted to end. Back in the North East whence he came, at St James' Park, where the fans adored him. But the appointment of Kenny

Dalglish Keegan's succesin January this year con-demned Beardslev to the role of a bit-part player and thwarted his ambitions of moving into coaching at the club. In August, Newcastle sold him to **Bolton Wanderers** for £500,000.

For those of us who have long been admirers of Beardsley's wonderful passing, his shimmies and that trick of feinting one way then the other with exaggerated movements of both feet that he could have patented, his

signing by Colin Todd was like a bonus, something that propels him into occasions such as that today, when he will line up once more against Liverpool in the Reebok minder for their manager, Roy Evans, of a lost hegemony.

Newcastle, though, has left Beardsley, one of the most courteous and well-respected professionals in the country, in something of a noman's land as he nears his own last stand as a player. For one thing, he cannot get Newcastle out of his system. There may be a degree of sentimentalism about this match. but he is unequivocal about the fact that Newcastle are his first love, the first result he looks for.

His departure was made worse by the fact that he came so close to a perfect, semi-symmetrical end to his career. The club has even awarded him a testimonial, something for which Keegan has prom-



Beardsley thinks he can cure his eight-year-old son of his goalkeeping obsession while the love affair with Newcastle will run on undimmed through the family

won't end up back there? It is something I would think long and hard about given the opportunity. It is not down to me any more. To a certain extent, my destiny was in my own hands when I was there

but it has now been taken away." To cloud the water further, management, increasingly, is something that appeals to him, but those to whom he is close, men such as Keegan and Arthur Cox, who are both rumoured to be trying to

entice him to Fulham, have encouraged him to keep playing. I could have sat on the bench at Newcastle for a year and have been very well off doing it," Beardsley,

ear, I would have had to pack in because you cannot do that and

"I was helping at Newcastle's centre of excellence and a lot of people were saying 'he's getting involved in the youth coaching, but that never really materialised. Had the manager said 'stay and do the youth and play as and when', then maybe I would have done that.

ut, to be fair to Kenny -and whatever people think, there is no animosity between us -- he

said he couldn't guarantee me a first-team place at any time. "I want to keep playing but I do not want to keep playing and end up looking silly. I want to play at a

something and helping people. Your ambitions as a at Bolton in the sort of role that

Kevin did when he first came to Newcastle as a player. I want to help the younger players and improve this as a club. I want to help them to get to another level. Success now would be to get them into the top half of the table come Christmas.

"I would certainly give it a go as a manager. Five years ago, I thought 'no way'. I might end up being a success, I might end up being a failure but I have got it in my mind that I will give it a go.

"If an offer came along tomorrow to go into management, it would not be a temptation unless it was at

In Alan Sedunary's blast-from-the-past notes in the match programme for Reading v Nottingham Forest last week, he recalled the worst miss Elm Park had seen.

wn on Dave Meeson, the Reading goalkeeper,

Thirty-eight years ago to the day, Charlie Twissell, of York

but blazed his shot high over the crossbar. "He missed by

because I still enjoy playing. I have got a couple of ideas. I would be smaller club. It all depends what comes along.

a better standard than I am at now,

"I look at Carlisle, where I started my career, all the time now and I look at their results recently and I think maybe I could help a club like that to get going. The biggest problem now for clubs like that is, when you look at Fulham, money is a big thing now, and, by the time I pack in playing, that level may be part-time.

The speculation about Beardsley moving to Fulham has continued almost unabated since Keegan took over at Craven Cottage and he does not deny he is keeping abreast of their progress. A transfer there,

"Obviously, because of Kevin. I take an interest," he said.

and Arthur Cox, that will be a special place and who is to say that, two years down the line, I could not go there and play. But Colin Todd has told me there is nothing happening and, if that's the case, that's fine. I'm happy with that."

When the time comes to get off those blue seats. Beardsley's eightvear-old son. Drew, runs over. Unfortunately, he's desperate to be a goalkeeper," Beardsley said with a smile, "but we will knock that out of him. He still loves

If son is like father, that latter preference may prove harder to

Albion jokers cross boredom threshold

japes, essentially to break up the tedium of overnight stays or too many afternoons with nothing to do. West Bromwich Albion's finest are no exception and the pranksters were out in force on the recent trip to Portsmouth.

Lee Hughes, the rookie professional, was the particular butt of many jokes, although he apparently failed to understand why the sign "Mensa Headquarters" had been pinned to his bedroom door. David Smith, the midfield player, was also vaguely bemused to receive the waitressserved present of a custard pie with a cherry on top.

More sensible, perhaps, was the fine handed out to Alan Miller, the goalkeeper. His contribution to the players' pool was for attending a Tony Bennett concert. No mystery there.

E for effort

Many desperate Ireland supporters tried to hoodwink their way into Lansdowne Road for the sell-out World Cup qualifying play-off against Belgium on Wednesday. Most were unsuccessful, including the back-packers who turned up at the offices of the Football Association of Ire-

Franz Beckenbauer, the great Germany player and coach, was guest of honour at the annual Football Association of Ireland/Opel awards in Dublin last Sunday. Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager and a former central defender for his country, is not usually starstruck but admitted to a tingle or two as he chatted and had his photograph taken with the great man. "He was one of my heroes." McCarthy mused. "I'd never met him before but I used to model my game on him. I was delighted to meet him; it was two silky centre halves together." Time may have dimmed the memory but can anybody recall "Der Kaiser" dumping an opponent two rows into the

them to go away, but they were soon back. "We've got

this particular interest in the

Belgian team. Would there be

any chance of ... "



Blood simple

In pursuit of mega-fitness to aid survival in the FA Carling Premiership. Coventry City's players recently availed them-selves of blood analysis tests. Now they wished they hadn't. Liam Daish, the central defender, has been told to cut out potatoes, bread and sugar (not to mention lager and bitter) and although he has lost 8lb, it has been tough going. Red wine is OK, though, as long as it is imbibed by the glass and not the pint.

Revealing all

Having seen the film. The Full Monty. Ugo Ehiogu, the Aston Villa defender, now fantasises

such a margin," Sedunary wrote, "that the ball hit one of the floodlights and showered a policeman with broken glass. In fairness, the lights were only at telegraph-pole height in those days." Enter Steve Stone, the Forest midfield player, whose grotesque slice wide of an open goal surely surpassed even Twissell's shattering effort. about turning up at a nightclub and "having a go at the old strip routine with a bunch of mates". It is unlikely, though that brazen Ugo will

We'd just turn up, wander in and go for it." How would they recognise him, anyway?

be displaying any bare-faced cheek around the Midlands.

It would have to be well away

from there, somewhere where

nobody knows me," he said.

Lest we forget Never let it be said that the FA Premier League, which runs the FA Carling Premiership, is slow in coming forward to support a good cause. The day before the ubiquitous Spice Girls jumped on the bandwag-

on, the PL boys announced plans to help out the Poppy Appeal next weekend. All home clubs will be providing facilities for collectors and military vehicle displays as well as printing messages in the programme. Peter Leaver, the PL chief executive, said: We're proud to be involved in honouring our wartime players and all those who sacrificed so much to maintain the country's independence."

STRANGE BUT TRUE: Scarborough fly an Italian flag outside the main entrance of the McCain Stadium and wear the blue-and-white colours of the Azzurri, in deference to their kit makersponsor, Errea.

> are at ease with the situation." However, he warned his players to choose their words carefully when speaking publicly. Little acknowledged that such articles undermined morale at a time when Villa, who lace Chelsea today, are trying to make up for a

Carling Premiership.

Little at pains to quell Villa unrest

Newcastle.

BY RICHARD HOBSON

BRIAN LITTLE attempted to dispel suggestions of growing discontent within the Aston Villa dressing-room last night by revealing that Savo Milosevic had apologised to Stan Collymore for comments attributed to the Yugoslav in a magazine in his home

country. Milosevic was quoted as saying that Villa had made a mistake in signing Collymore for £7 million, adding: "I thought he was far better ... he does not work hard ... he has not done any of the things he used to do for Nottingham Forest and Liverpool."

Milosevic telephoned Collymore from Yugoslavia while preparing for the World Cup play-off first-leg tie against Hungary, According to Little. Milosevic told his team-mate that he "did not recall saying anything like that". Little, ruling out disciplinary action, added: "Both

wretched start in the FA

He said: "We are a young side and sometimes things are said in the heat of the moment which are not always meant. At the moment things are going to be blown up because we would be like to be doing better." Supporters may be inclined to agree with the words attributed to Milosevic.

as Collymore has scored just once for Villa and is unlikely to recover from an operation on his sinuses in time to face Athletic Bilbao in the Uefa Cup second round, second leg on Tuesday.
Paulo Wanchope has become the first Derby County

player to win the Carling Player of the Month award after being voted the top performer for October. The 21year-old Costa Rica international, who cost Derby £600,000 from CS Heridiano in March, scored his third goal of the season in October. against Manchester United.

and set up three others. "Paulo has brought a new dimension to the Derby front line," Glenn Hoddle, the England coach and a member of the Carling No I Awards Panel, said.

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The manager award was won by Alex Ferguson, of Manchester United, giving him his sixth prize - more than any other Premiership

manager Alec McGivan, the head of England's World Cup bid, flew home yesterday convinced that hopes of securing the 2006 showpiece had been boosted by eight days of transatlantic lobbying. Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, Sir Bobby Charlton and Graham Kelly, the Football Association chief executive, also travelled to the United States. Trinidad and Tobago and Costa Rica to put England's case to three members of the key Fifa executive committee. McGivan said: "The trip ex-ceeded all our expectations."

Bradford determined to capitalise on their reprieve

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

WHEN Bradford City, who avoided relegation from the Nationwide League first division on the final day of last season, shot out of the blocks at the beginning of this campaign, few expected Chris Kamara's team to sustain anything like promotion form, especially after a heavy defeat at Charlton in mid-September. The

bubble had, surely, burst Yet the game today at the Pulse Stadium, when Bradford, still comfortably placed in fifth, entertain West Bromwich Albion, in fourth

spot, is undeniably the division's match of the day. Bradford will be satisfied with a repeat of the 1-0 victory against Crewe Alexandra last Saturday, with a goal scored by Edinho, the Brazilian forward signed from Guimaraes of Portugal last February, whose five goals last season helped to keep the Yorkshire

main stand and then grinning about it?

side up.

Albion, having become the first team to beat Sheffield United in a league game this term, will be in equally confident mood. Ray Harford, the manager, has named an unchanged team, with Lee Hughes,

who scored against Sheffield, remaining as a substitute. The reaction of Sheffield to their first defeat will be under scrutiny in their home game against Tranmere Rovers and the same applies to Nottingham Forest, the leaders, after their 3-3 draw at Reading last Friday.

David Bassett, the Forest manager. keeps faith with the side that could have put the game beyond Reading early on, had it not been for what some are already calling the "miss of the season" from Steve Stone. Crewe, their opponents at the City Ground today, will also be unchanged, Dario

Gradi retaining his three-forward formation despite a midweek defeat against Manchester City, for whom Georgi Kinkladze may play, away to Oxford United, with 30 statches in a back injury received in a car accident.

The momentum, however, is with Middlesbrough, who took third place with their victory over Hudderstield Town, the bottom club, on Tuesday. Nevertheless, a trip to Wolverhamp ton Wanderers without three central defenders, Pearson, Festa and Vickers, will test their mettle. Neil Maddison, signed for £250,000 from Southampton, may get an earlier chance than expected to demonstrate

Elsewhere, Barry Fry takes Peterborough United, the leaders, to thirdplaced Exeter City in the third division, while rumours of a playing return for Ray Wilkins, the Fulham manager, are exaggerated - as yet. After turning out in Franco Baresi's testimonial on Wednesday, Wilkins said: "Milan was fantastic fun -- an unforgettable night. Who knows if I'll play again for Fulham? If we get a major crop of injuries, I might have a walk." Fulham entertain Chesterfield

in the second division today.

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FOOTBALL SATURDAY

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DERBY COUNTY ARSĖNAL Today, 3.0 (sold out)



Brian Glanville There could scarcely be two more contrasting managers than Jim Smith, of Derby County, the straightforward

Yorkshireman who celebrates 25 years in club management today, and Arsenal's sophisticated Frenchman, Arsene Wenger, yet they each have a tendency to defend the indefensible.

Last season, when Derby had a player sent off for a serious foul, Smith, somewhat untypically, was up in arms. Wenger has virtually become a defence counsel for the excesses of his wayward team.

Moments of petulance under pressure have cost Arsenal the services of their outstanding player, Dennis Bergkamp, today and they will suffer for it.

After Bergkamp was shown his fifth yellow card at Crystal Palace, resulting in a three-match suspension, Wenger pleaded the Dutchman's case as a man more sinned against than sinning. True, perhaps, but what price self-control?

Wenger this week stood up for his fellow Frenchman, Emmanuel Petit, guilty of shoving the referee during the match against Aston Villa last Sunday, quite properly expelled and due for

suspension. Patrick Vieira, also on his way to suspension, and Ian Wright, after a clash last season in the Highbury tunnel with Peter Schmeichel, the Manchester United goalkeeper. have also found an apologist in Wenger.

Loyalty is a fine thing, but in the last analysis, it is Arsenal and Wenger who pay the price for such indiscipline.

Another Dutchman, Marc Overmars, having missed the past two games, is expected to be fit again for the left wing, where Luis Boa Morte has found the FA Carling Premiership hard going Bergkamp's place may go to the French prodigy. Nicolas Anelka, fast and fluent, though scarcely the same superb foil for Wright.

Derby, after a fine run, came unstuck badly at Liverpool last week, suggesting that they may have been living above their means.

They remain without three of their large, distinguished foreign contingent, Eranio, Stimac and Van der Laan, all injured. But Stimac's fellow Croatian, Asanovic, who helped his country to beat Ukraine in the World Cup play-off on Wednesday, will be back in midfield and Matt Carbon and Gary Rowett are available. Up front, the speed and skills of Baiano and the unorthodox threat of the lanky Costa Rican, Paulo Wanchope, will keep Arsenal's heavy dragoons on their toes.

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■ TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, BBC1 10.50pm, extended highlights.

PREDICTION: Derby to win.



To Hull and back: Rocastle celebrates the League championship with Arsenal in 1989 and in action for Hull City recently





STAYING POWER

Paul Gascoigne has decided to resist the lure of Villa Park for the prospect of regular hat-tricks against Dunfermline. Here are 11 players who might have been better off staying put.

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1. David Rocastle, The first Flocky was great, but the sequels have been commercial and artistic flops. Now showing in Hull.

2: Tomas Brolin. Star of Sweden's 1994 World Cup team, not quite so successful at Leeds.

S. Alan Brazil.
They called him Pelé at Ipswich, lans at Manchester United, Spurs and Coventry were less polite.

4. Nick Barmby. An England regular until he was seduced by the bright lights of Middlesbrough.

5. Nigel Clough. Pass master of his dad's late 80s-early 90s Forest side; carthorse at Anfield.

6. lan Rush. He left Liverpool for thely and then returned to find a lookalike called Aldridge had taken his place.

7. John Sheridan. Cloughis decided he didn't like him -but only after he was signed.

8. Steve Daley. Or anyone else who ever joined Manchester City, for that matter. 9. Stan Collymore.

He was just as grumpy at Forest, but at least he scored goals. 10. Robert Fleck.

A chirpy canary at Carrow Road, he was not such a happy chap at Chelsea. 11. Dave Beasant.
The FA Cup-whining captain of Wimbledon subsequently became football's answer to Norman Wisdom.

Compiled by Richard Whitehead





ASTON VILLA CHELSEA Today, 3.0 (sold out)



Matt Dickinson For once, Savo Milosevic unerringly hit the target. Not only when he scored for Yu-

goslavia in their 7-1 trouncing of Hungary this week, but also when he questioned team-mate Stan Collymore's feeble contribution to Aston Villa's unconvincing FA Car-

ling Premiership campaign. That little outburst will, no doubt, have earned Milosevic a ticking-off yesterday from Brian Little, the manager, on the striker's return from Budapest, as will his claim that he could walk away from the club this summer on a free transfer. This time Milosevic was back to his inaccurate worst — the club has a 12-month option on his

present contract and, as a non-EU national, he would not be covered by the Bosman ruling. Little's only comment was: "We will deal with the situation internally as we normally do, but everybody externally seems to have tried to deal with it themselves."

At least with Collymore suspended, the Villa manager will not have to separate his strikers before a game that they will want to win as much for the boost it will give them before their Uefa Cup second-leg clash with Athletic Bilbao on Tuesday as for the chance to move into the top half of the Premiership.

Mark Bosnich's likely absence because of a knee problem has not made the task any easier.

Chelsea, too, have suffered their share of injuries, making predicting Ruud Gullit's team even more of a stab in the dark. The only injury Gianfranco Zola could have picked up in Moscow during Italy's drawn match with Russia was frostbite and that should mean a starting place for the little striker.

Gullit was understandably annoyed at his team's inability to take advantage of their opportunities at Bolton Wanderers last week and the sloppy dropping of points again threatens to undermine Chelsea's claim to be a realistic bet for the championship. Two wins from their past six games is not the form of titlechasers.

ASTON VILLA (probable, 3-5-2): M Oskes
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CHELSEA (probable; 3-5-2): E de Goey —
S Clarke, F Leboeuf, F Sinder — D
Petessu, E Newton, R Di Matseo, M
Nichols, C Bebayara — M Hughes, G Zels.

TELEVISION: Today: Malch of the Day, goal highlights. **B** PREDICTION; A score draw to frustrate the teams but satisfy



Richard Hobson This week has offered a salutary reminder to small investors that share prices can go down as well as up. Barnsley,

moving in one direction. Nobody is taking pleasure from Barnsley's struggles, but there seems an inevitability about their fate. Supporters are treating the season as if they were on extended leave from the Nationwide League. They inhale the rich air of the FA Carling Premier-

grindstone next summer. Barnsley have shipped 35 goals in 12 games, seven of them last week against an irresistible

ship, knowing it is back to the





BARNSLEY BLACKBURN ROVERS Today, 3.0 (sold out)

Manchester United. There is no respite. Blackburn Rovers bring the best away record in the Premiership - three wins and three draws - to Oakwell this afternoon. Chris Sutton needs just one goal to equal his tally of Il for last season.

Jason Wilcox and Jeff Kenna available after suspension and international duty respectively. Billy McKinlay is a likely starter in midfield having held talks with Roy Hodgson, the manager, about an extended contract. John Hendrie continued his

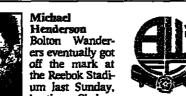
comeback from injury for the reserves in midweek to earn consideration for the bottom club.

Rovers, in third place, have

BARNSLEY (possible; 4-4-2): D Wetson — N Eaden, A de Zeeuw, A Krizan, N Thorripson — M Bullock, N Redfeam, D Sheridan, D Bernerd — J Hendrie, A Ward. PLACEGURN ROVERS (possible: 4-4-2): T Flowers — J Kenne, C Hendry, S Hanchoz, G Crott — S Ripley, T Sherwood, W McGristy, J Wilcox — C Suffon, K Galfacher. Reference C Ed. Referee: G Poil.

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights.

PREDICTION; Blackburn to win by two goals.



beating Chelsea with a late goal from Dean Holdsworth. It was an important victory, taking them off the floor of the FA Carling Premiership and out of the bottom three. It they are not to endure a long, cold winter, the Trotters must add a

few more wins, pronto... Injuries have dogged their return to the Premiership and now they have to contend with suspensions. Gerry Taggart, their centre half, starts a six-match ban today, and Scott Sellars will miss the next three games.





LIVERPOOL Today, 3.0 (sold out)

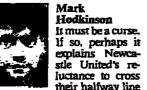
Andy Todd completes his ban this afternoon and he will be needed in a defence still lacking Neil Cox and without Robbie Elliott for the rest of the season. Today, all eyes will be on Peter Beardsley, who plays against his former club. Beardsley was a member of the formidable Liverpool side that won the championship ten seasons ago under Kenny Dalglish.

The present team is short of class in defence, and, according to some Merseyside voices, spunk in others. However, after losing to Everton, as usual, and to Strasbourg, badly, in the Uefa Cup, they will draw comfort from their 4-0 win against Derby County.

BOLTON WANDERERS (probable; 4-4-2): K Branagan — J Philips, G Bergsson, M Fish, M Whittow — P Beardsley, J Pollock, P Francisen, A Thompson — D Holdsworth, N Bales LIVERPOOL (probable; 4-4-2): D James — R Jones, B TKseme, D Matres, S I Blomebye — S McMananton, J Padiensop, P Ince, O Leonhardson — R Fowler, M Oven.

TELEVISION: Today: Match of

the Day, goal highlights. # PREDICTION: Four goals, shared equally.



their halfway line and actually attack their opponents. Every time someone is nominated as a striker, they are injured forthwith: Shearer, Asprilla, Rush and now, Gillespie.

Gillespie is extremely doubtful for the FA Carling Premiership match against Leicester City today because of a calf injury, but Rush is expected to return. Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle

manager, was linked this week with Rangers, the team he supported as a boy, but he is



NEWCASTLE UNITED LEICESTER CITY Today, 3.0 (sold out)

adamant that he is happy to remain on Tyneside. There is no foundation in it in any way, shape or form," he said. That would appear unequivocal then ... probably.
In the corresponding fixture

last season, Leicester were lead-

ing 3-1 with 14 minutes left when Newcastle stormed back to win 4-3, courtesy of a Shearer hattrick. "It was a fantastic game, but it backfired on us," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager,

Steve Claridge will have a fitness test after injuring a knee during the 2-1 win against West Ham United on Monday, which elevated Leicester to fourth place.

said.

NEMICASTLE UNITED (possible: 3-4-1-2) S
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Savage, N Lennon, P Kasnark, M Izzet, S
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TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights.

PREDICTION: A low-scoring



Rossell Kempson
Exciting times at Coventry City as plans for a 42,000-seat stadi-

pleted by 2000, were unveiled this week. They include a retractable roof and pitch — the first development of its kind in Europe, apparently and the promise of week-long activity. "We can have concerts, exhibitions, big tractors, you name it," Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, enthused. momentarily distracted from the club's £10 million loss during the

last financial year. Exciting times at Wimbledon, too? Hardly. Sam Hammam, the ever-optimistic chairman, still





WIMBLEDON COVENTRY CITY Today, 3.0

pays rent to Crystal Palace for the use of Selhurst Park and can only dream of having Tina Turner and monster trucks performing at a home of his own. Plans for an 8,000-seat stadium might be more appropriate, such is the dearth of club support, but Wim-

them, but they don't care." Coventry's visit this afternoon is unlikely to transform Selhurst into a seething cauldron, but the workaholic players on both sides will ensure a good scrap, if short on finesse. They battle their socks off," Michael Hughes, the Wimbledon winger, said, Stale

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Soibakken, Wimbledon's £250.000 purchase from Lilles-

trom, arrives this weekend.

■ TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights.
■ PREDICTION: Wimbledon win.





MANCHESTER UNITED SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY Today, 3.0 (sold out)



It was a bad day. A 3-1 home defeat by Crystal Palace, mut-

terings of discontent rumbling around Hillsborough and, by the time that the players had returned to the dressing-room, Sheffield Wednesday were in the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership. And next on the fixture list? Manchester Uni-

ted, away. Oh dear. Worse, while Wednesday were slumping. United were banging seven past Barnsley in their best league performance of the season to date -Barnsley, who are keeping Wednesday off the bottom by virtue of goal difference alone. Any relevant statistics? Well, Wednesday have won

just once in their past seven matches and have conceded 16 goals in their past six. They have conceded 17 goals in six matches away from home, of which they have lost four, drawn two and won none. Any cause for optimism,

then? United lost 1-0 away to Leeds United before defeating Juventus in the European Cup Champions' League and drew with Derby County before beating Feyenoord in the European competition. United play Feyenoord in Rotterdam on Wednesday. Will they stumble again? David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, does not think so.

He does, however, have a cuming plan. "We have tried one or two things in training that may come in useful at Old Trafford," he said. "I can remember going there a couple of years ago and we picked out what we thought was a flaw. We tried to exploit that and did very well."

Ignore the news that Irwin picked up a thigh strain in midweek. Irwin - who extended his contract at United to 1999 yesterday — did not olav last week. Both sides are likely to be unchanged.

MANCHESTER UNITED (possible, 4-4-2)
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TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, extended highlights. PREDICTION: A wild guess, home win.

ON MONDAY

Brilliant insights or hopeless guesses? Check our writers' predictions against their weekend match reports



ported to be a defeat or two away from the sack: (a) George Graham: (b) Gerry Francis? Correct.

Next, with Tottenham Hotspur supposedly in crisis and Leeds United gathering strength, which manager is said to be high on Rangers' list of potential successors to Walter Smith: (a) Graham: (b) Francis?

Your starter for

ten — which of

the following

managers is re-

Right again. Finally, in 45 FA Carling Premiership games under Gra-ham's management, Leeds have won 14. In the same period, how many have Tottenham won; under Francis? (a) Fewer; (b) more? Oh well, two out of three's

not bad. That Tottenham have won more does not appear to have enhanced Francis's reputation or job prospects, but then statistics can be used to support any argument. If history is a guide, Tottenham, with three wins and three draws in their past six meetings with Leeds, are heavy favourites. Form, too, favours Francis's team (three defeats in their past ten league games compared with five losses for Leeds). Yet if you had to put your mortgage on one of these teams today, would it be Tottenham?

Me neither. The more worrying figures for Leeds this week have been the estimated £6 million written off by the decision to cancel Tomas Brolin's contract and the 18 months remaining on Gra-



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR LEEDS UNITED Today, 3.0 (sold out)

ham's. "We have had no contact with Rangers," Peter Risdale, the chairman, said yesterday in answer to speculation over his-Glasgow-born manager. "If you have a quality manager you expect his name to be linked with

other clubs. I am not worried." Leeds have Hasselbaink back from suspension (although he may not stand and Kelly from duty with Ireland. Halle is

doubtful. The most encouraging team news, though, concerns Tottenham. Anderton, having completed 90 minutes of a reserve game for the first time, could begin a match for the first time since May and Iversen - who has missed ten matches - and Scales are back in contention. Dominguez and Vega face fitness tests.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (possible; 3-4-1-2): I Welter — C Caldarwood, S Campbell, J Scales — R Fox, D Howells, A Nielsen, D Anderson — D Ginola — C Arthetrong, J Dominguez, LEEDS UNITED (possible; 4-4-2): N Marryn — A. Meybury, L. Radebe, D. Wesherall, D. Robertson — G Kally, A I Heatand, D Hopkin, B. Riberto — R Waltace, H Kewell. Referes: K Surge.

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, extended highlights.

PREDICTION: Away win.



They clutch at straws when they are down near the drop zone and the euphoria of one recent good result each for these two early-season relegation candidates may be enough to imbue this FA Carling

Oliver Holt

Premiership match at Goodison Park tomorrow with something of the air of a revivalist meeting Everton's reasons for optimism stem from their convincing win over Liverpool and the form of Danny Cadamarteri, their young forward, who has scored five goals in the past seven games and will partner

Everton, who consolidated with a hard-fought draw against Coventry City last weekend, may welcome back Slaven Bilic after suspension, although Howard Kendall, the manager, is reluc-tant to drop either Craig Short or Dave Watson after their part in the club's brief rally.

Duncan Ferguson in attack

against Southampton.

Everton, at last, are beginning to achieve a degree of consisten-cy and something approaching a settled side with John Oster on the left and Graham Stuart on the right of midfield, and their mini-recovery will be a test for Southampton's own impersonation of an improvement.

The game marks the return to Goodison Park of Dave Jones, the Southampton manager, and, for him, the timing could not be better. After a parlous start to his Premiership career after his move from Stockport County, it an unhappy return for Dave Jones's stock rose last week.



EVERTON SOUTHAMPTON Tomorrow, 4.0

Scepticism greeted his £2 million purchase of the injury-ravaged David Hirst from Sheff-ield Wednesday, to try to cure Southampton's lack of attacking prowess, but that quickly disappeared last weekend when the striker scored the two goals that edged Southampton to a 3-2 victory over Tottenham Hotspur

at The Dell. That success seems to have engendered unlimited optimism at the South Coast club, but if Everton can even get close to reproducing the tempo and commitment that they displayed against Liverpool, they should be able to halt Southampton's resurgence in its tracks, especially if Bilic is restored to the back

four. EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southell — E Berrett, D Wesson, S Bille, A Hinchoffle — G Stuart, D Williamson, G Speed, J Osfer — D Cadesverst, D Ferguson.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones — J Dodd, K Menkon, C Lundekvern, F Bernell — M La Thesier, C Patrier, K Richerdeen, M Oerley — D'Hist, K Bervies.
Referee: A Wilste.

TELEVISION: Tomorrow: Live on Sky Sports 1, from 3pm. PREDICTION: Everton to make



FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Chilling time in the Arctic made Ruud lose his cool

at the sight of Celestine Bahayaro after a sliding tackle in the second that and woolly jumpers. I half. By the time he got up, my mold my children that I was going Nigerian team-mate looked as the unit bath and hear through he had been through the looked as through he had been through the to visit Father Christmas in the Arctic Circle, and there was a make-believe quality about Chelsea's trip to Tromso from start to

I am sure it did not seem a laughing matter at the time, with the manager furning on the touch-line, but looking back now I cannot help but smile at the whole farcical affair. We even had a few jokes on the pitch. I remember crashing to the ground and injuring my shoul-der after a challenge from their bulky centre forward.

As I lay in the snow, he bent down with a big grin and asked me if I would like an ice pack for the pain. We also had a good chuckle schedule did not allow time to

half. By the time he got up, my Nigerian team-mate looked as though he had been through the wash and come out white from head to toe.

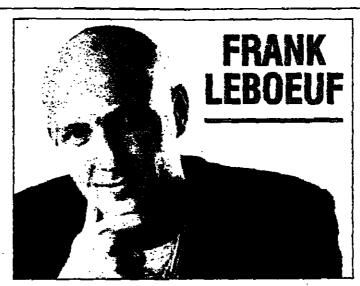
Maybe it would not be so easy to laugh now if Gianluca Vialli had not scored that late goal. Pulling us back to 3-2 has made a huge difference and while it will not be easy, as we have seen, we can be confident about the second leg at Stamford Bridge on Thursday with the crowd behind us.

I still cannot quire believe we

played at all because with the wind and snow in our faces in the second half it was like skiing in a blizzard without goggles. The offi-cial insisted that Uefa's busy

I hope that game helped end the misconception some people have about foreign players not being able to withstand those sorts of conditions, as if Italians and French have never seen cold weather. They should try playing in Milan or Lens on a freezing January night. Ruud Gullit told us afterwards that he was proud of the way we had responded and I believe we coped well in very

trying circumstances.
That is certainly the angriest 1 have ever seen our manager and I think it was because he felt things had been taken out of his control. The outstanding quality about Rund is that he has a serenity that



seems to stem from being utterly aware of events as they unfold -- cr even before they happen. I swear he knew we were going to win the FA Cup last year three months

before we did. In Norway, suddenly, every-thing was ripped from his grasp. His careful plans were torn apart because we could not play the game the way he had told us. It was only by abandoning the good football that was getting us no-where in the first half and playing a rubbish style that we fought our way back into the game, but that is not the manager's way and that is

why he was so understandably frustrated. On Thursday, we hope not only to win, but also to show the football we know we are

capable of.
The Tromso farce was not the only time that Ruud has lost his temper recently, and the second time it was the players who suffered. For all his cool image, there are so many responsibilities on a football manager that he cannot always be so laid back and he certainly let us know he was less than impressed after our 1-0 defeat at Bolton last week.

Although there were individual

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mistakes that saw us miss so many chances, he told us not to look for scapegoats because we were all guilty. We had to look at ourselves and say whether each of us had given their best. Roud, as the world knows, is a football legend and, when he talks, you are mad not to listen.

■ Debate over referees

The way people have been talking about referees this week you would think it was just an English problem. Believe me, it is not. The same debate is carried on in Spain. Italy, France and every other country in Europe, if not the world, and that only emphasises the point that it is time to find a universal solution: make them all professional.

I was watching a video the other day of the World Cup quarter-final between England and West Germany in 1970 and I could not believe how slow the game was and the time and space for players. Football has speeded up so much in the past few decades it is amazing, and I think it is essential that the resources are out in to help

referees keep pace with that.
With the vast amounts of money that football generates these days. surely there are the resources to fund professional referees. The extra time would allow them to train properly and study the game, perhaps with players at clubs, which would benefit everyone. It is time Filo acted.

A home at last

Today, at last. I move into my own house. As I wrote in my first column, hotel life was driving my family and me mad and it will be such a relief tonight when I can come back from Chelsea's game at Asion Villa and walk through my own front door and relax in my own living room.

We are moving to a beautiful home in South West London near parkland and the Thames, which will be such a relief for my two young children after they were cooped up in Knightsbridge. I will have one particular memory of living in that area, though, and that was being near the heart of the capital as the country mourned Princess Diana.

When I moved to England, one of my biggest ambinions was to meet her because she was a woman I had enormous respect for, a princess for many people around the world and not just this country. It is a great sadness to me that the only time I came close to her was at midnight the day after she died. I happened to be driving through London and was held up by the corrège moving her coffin to St James's Palace.

☐ Next week: McManaman's World

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5. CHELSEA (4)	11	19	+10	3	0	1	8	5	3	1	3	17	10	6-1-3	L1
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Aston Villa	35,143	89%
Barnsley	18,378	99%
Blackburn	23,089	74%
Bolton	23,966	96%
Chelsea	31,985	95%
Coventry	18,390	78%
Crystal Palace	22,379	85%
Derby	22,140	74%
Everton	36,397	91%
Leeds	36,042	90%
Leicester	20,429	95%
Liverpool	35,844	94%
Manchester Utd	55,100	98%
Newcastle	36,692	100%
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Southampton	15,186	100%
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West Ham	25,305	97%
Wimbledon	16,511	63%

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Statistics compiled by Julian Desborough

HOCKEY

Havant and Surbiton face double challenge

By Sydney Friskin

WITH the departure of the England men's team for the series of international matches in Egypt and the suspension of the premier division for two weeks, the spotlight falls on first division clubs in the National League today and the third round of the English Hockey Association

in particular, it falls on Surbiton and Havant, who play each other twice. Surbiton are the hosts in the league match today and Havant the tomorrow. Neither team has been seriously tested this season, but Bourneville, Indian Gymkhana, Chelmsford and Brooklands are all within striking distance in the league and neither Surbiton nor Havant, as leaders, can afford to make a mistake in the race to return to the premier

Surbiton and Chelmsford will be without their spearheads, Nicol and Cullen, who have returned to South Africa for six international matches against Poland. However, Surbiton's stocks are replenished by the return of Owen. who was not available last week and who joins Tinkler and Mealor in the front line.

Havant, whose team is built on home-grown talent, have been playing with renewed vigour, with Ambridge, Cover and Pattison up front, sup-ported in midfield by Wilkinson.

The survivors of the cup matches tomorrow will be joined by the premier division clubs in the fourth round on

The showpiece of the Egypt England hockey series in Cairo is the televised international match on Wednesday to mark the opening of the newly laid artificial-turf pitch in a stadium with a capacity of 35,000. There will be three other full international Thursday and Saturday.

In addition, England will play the Presidents' XI tomorrow and round off the tour the next Sunday with a match against Air Egypt. Barry Dancer, the new Australian coach, will be in charge of all the England matches.

British No 1 content with form despite defeat by Kafelnikov

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Rusedski out but not down

TENNIS CORRESPONENT IN PARIS

A COMBINATION of slack volleying and dubious linejudging undermined Greg Rusedski here yesterday as he lost an absorbing quarterfinal encounter with Yevgeni Kafelnikov, of Russia, in three tight sets. Rusedski thus heads for Stockholm next week to fine-tune his game for the ATP Tour world championship in Hanover the week after.

The two factors that contrib uted to his downfall occured at opposite ends of the match. A loppy opening service game. in which he missed three straightforward forehand volleys, cost him dear as Kafelnikov, the No5 seed broke Rusedski's formidable

service at the first attempt.

Then, after the Briton had clawed his way back, two first questionable, the second absurd - usurped Rusedski's efforts to draw level in the final game.

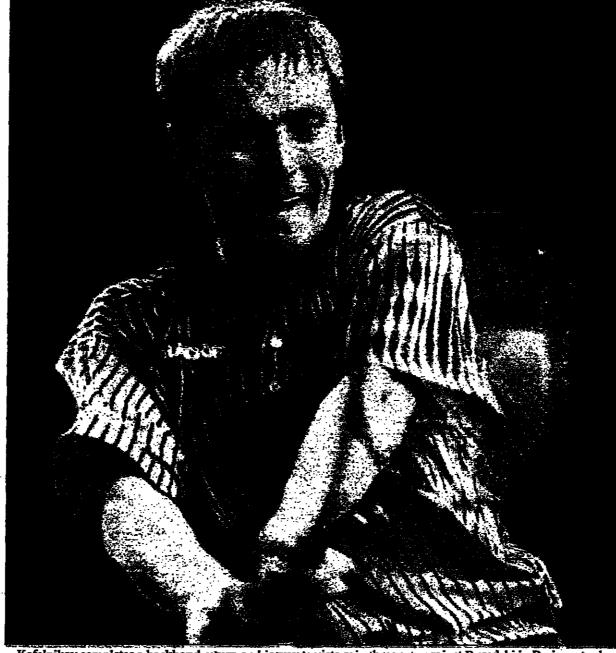
One could feel sympathy for Rusedski, who, in his customary manner, refused to make line-judging an issue. Never-theless, had he not gift-wrapped the opening game to Kafelnikov, he may not have been extended to a deciding set. His fate ultimately rested at the end of his racket - and he was found wanting this

Not that the Great Britain No l was downcast. "Sometimes you get the calls in your favour; sometimes you don't," he reasoned. "But this has been a positive week for me. I am coming into form just nicely." Rusedski makes an impor-

tant point. Such is the scramble towards Hanover that those in contention for the remaining four places -Kafelnikov is among II of them — are playing for their lives. Freshness will be a considerable asset in Hanover and Rusedski will be fresher than most. He intends to work hard for

a few days, then play in Stockholm — where he has performed well in the past before descending on Hanover. Indeed, he interpreted his defeat here in identical terms to his quarter-final exit in Boston, immediately before the US Open, where he reached the final.

A poor showing in Hanover may prompt Rusedski to re-



Kafelnikov completes a backhand return on his way to victory in three sets against Rusedski in Paris yesterday.

gret using these events as stepping stones. There were valuable points on offer here and winning does the confidence no harm.

On the other hand, Rusedski must now approach the big tournaments with a view to winning them. It is no good advancing to the quarterfinals before collapsing in a heap of exhaustion — as he did at Wimbledon.

Rusedski could certainly have won this match. His forehand volley, lamentable at the start, troubled him for much of the contest. Kafelnikov, smartly recognising the weakness, exploited it at every turn before prevailing 6-4, 3-6,

The Russian must go close, both here and in Stockholm, to qualify for Hanover and the urgency was evident in his game. Unproductive on the indoor circuit so far, he blitzed Rusedski with a succession of winners from the baseline to wrap up the opening set.

Rusedski then transformed the contest halfway through two, capturing Kafelnikov's service before consolidating with a thunderous game of his own. He promptly levelled the match, but a careless overhead, midway through the concluding set. allowed Kafelnikov to contrive the decisive break - but only after Rusedski had missed yet another routine forehand

volley. The Briton spurned one further opportunity to break back before those curious linecalls settled it.

Curious is the only way to describe the frequency with which Richard Kraiicek withdraws in mid-tournament. A successful run in Statigart last

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week took him to the fringes of qualification for Hanover and he looked ripe to press his case farther here.

However, having dropped the opening set to Jonas Bjorkman, Krajicek pulled out, claiming an injured left knee for the tenth mid-tournament withdrawal of his career.

The Dutchman will not now play next week, thereby forfeitng his place in Hanover. And he prompted further headscratching when announcing that he would not contest the Australian Open in January because it did not fit his plans. **RUGBY UNION**

Bath gain little benefit from keeping a secret

THE football template is havng an increasingly detrimental influence on professional rugby union. Gone are the days when a side was publicly announced after training on a Wednesday or Thursday. Now, with one or two exceptions, interminable squad lists, consisting of virtually every player on a club's books, are issued. More often than not, team details are not released until the last minute. It all seems futile. Coaches talk about the need for secrecy, but clubs and players now each other intimately. Take Bath, who meet Rich-mond at the Recreation Ground today. Admittedly it is their first league meeting, but there can be little or nothing Ben Clarke would not know about his former club. If anyone is in doubt, they may tune into BBC2's The Rugby Club on a Wednesday evening to discover more about Bath's fall from

It is ten years since Bath last lost three of their first five league games. Should Rich-mond emulate Newcastle and Leicester and defeat the West Countrymen, serious ques-tions will be asked about the ability of the former champions to challenge for domestic honours this season.

Andy Robinson has delayed his team announcement until today while Richmond. erratic to say the least in away games, have revealed a squad of 24. It does not include Rolando Martin or Augustin Pichot, who are in Buenos Aires playing for Argentina against Australia. Also there is Clive Woodward, the England coach, to run the rule over Australia, who visit

Twickenham in a fortnight. Newcastle do not even bother with a squad, but their duel with London Irish makes for a fascinating confrontation at Sunbury. Pragmatic and unloved. Newcastle have powered to the top of the first division in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, having won their opening four matches London Irish, though, will be cock-a-hoop after upsetting Wasps last Sunday.
For their part, Wasps over

came an early-season hiccop last year to win the champion-ship. They will need all the leadership qualities of Law-rence Dallaglio, their newly installed England captain, to regroup after a similar slip-up in October when beaten by Saracens. Wasps play Sale --officially now Manchester Sale — at Loftus Road tomorrow and make three changes. Weedon and Shaw are restored at lock in place of Cronin and Reed; Dunston

If Newcastle slip. Saracen should take over at the top by beating Bristol Saracens have now strung together seven successive league wins but Bristol demonstrated that lightly when they beat North-



Carling: unsure of recall

ampton. Will Carling will be wondering whether to turn his attentions to his new television career sooner rather than later. Dropped last week, Carling will find out tomorrow whether he is back in the Harlequins line-up against Gloucester at Kings holm. Carling will be unveiled as the presenter of ITV's international rugby coverage next week

It is also the third round of the Tetley's Bitter Cup, with some intriguing ties in pros-pect — not least Orrell versus Newbury, Wakefield against 'Morley and Lydney's match with London Scottish. The draw for the fourth round, in which the Premiership first division teams enter, is made on Monday.

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Remelostom, Glossop North End v Selfost, Mane Road v Athenon LR; Vaurhall GM v Hesingden.

ESSEX SEMIOR LEAGUE. Premier division: Brentwood v East Ham, Stansted v Burnham Ramiblers; Elon Manor v Husbridge Scores.

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cynon; Mountain Ash v Kenfig Hill; Tondu v Ystradgynlais; Pyle v St Peter's; Whitland v Tanby Utd; Nerberth v Llankaran. SRU League Trophy Play-offs

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Kirkcaldy v Jac-Forest (2:30)
Musselburgh v Biggar (2:30)
Preston Lodge v Peebles (2:30)
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CLUB MATCHES: Stackburn v Prestor Grasshoppers (2.15); Nortingham Hincidey (3.0).

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OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budwelser Leegue: Bir-mingham Bulliets v Watford Royals (7.30), Urst-ball Trophy: Deby Storn v Sheffler Sharks (7.30), Netfornal Copt. Worthing Bears v Crystal Palece (8.0); Coventy Crusaders v Tharnes Valley figers (7.30); Stevenage Rebels v Manchester Glants (8.0); Leicester Rufers v Newcastle Eagles (7.30).

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BOXING: British super-bentamweight chempionship: M Brodle (Manchester, holder) v W Docheny (Soot). British light-middleweight chempionship (vacan) E Bingham (Manchester) v N Thurbin (Marc) (both in Glasgow).

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v Society; Mellov Poyraon; Steffield
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Tomorrow

FOOTBALL FA CARLSBERG VASE: First round: Slawarts and Lloyds v Rocester; Endslagh v Nawbury AFC

RUGBY UNION Edinburgh v Tonge (at Goldenacre, 2.15). Scottlish Borders v New South Wales (at Greenyards, Melrose, 2.0).

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BY MARK SOUSTER

A CASUAL glance at the three qualifying matches for the quarterfinals of the Heineken Cup suggests that the sides enjoying home advantage in the play-off matches this afternoon will reach the last eight. Apart from the obvious difficulty in winning away, there are other pressing criteria that indicate success for Leicester, Cardiff and Brive against Glasgow, Llanelli and Pontypridd.

Pontypridd return to France for their third Brive encounter this season denuded by injuries, the further loss of Dale McIntosh, Phil John and André Barnard, who have been banned from the town at the behest of a local magistrate. and a subsequent dip in form that. in the circumstances, is understandable. Taken in isolation, any one of these factors would make what is already a tall order against the reigning champions even more difficult. Taken collectively, Pontypridd would appear not to have a

John accepted that the pdds are against an upset, but added: "We have shown in the past that Europe's best do not frighten us, having beaten Bath last season and drawn with Brive at Sardis Road. As long as the forwards provide us with a platform. I would fancy our chances of scor-

ing tries against anyone."

In the light of their now infamous brawl and its fallout, Poutypridd will be in and out of the town itself in a day. "We will be staying outside the region in Limoges. driving to the ground on Saturday morning, play the game, shower and get out again," Eddie Jones, the manager, said.

Apart from longstanding injuries to Kevin Morgan and David Manley, Pontypridd will play Crispin Cormack for the first time this season if Gareth Wyatt does not recover from a shoulder injury. With the exception of Lisandro Arbizu, who plays for Argentina a star-studded Brive are at full strength, their side containing seven internationals, among them Christophe Lamaison and Philippe Carbonneau, who were injured in the post-match fracas, and Alain Penaud, the captain.

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> With Cardiff and Llanelli meeting in front of a capacity 12.000 crowd at the Arms Park, Wales is guaranteed a representative in the last eight. It is likely to be Cardiff. New Zealand, whom they are scheduled to meet next Saturday, the same day as the quarter-finals are due to be held. "Home advantage should work in our favour. but we lost to Lianelli at the Arms Park last year and it all boils down to who performs on the day," Jonathan Humphreys, the captain of Cardiff, said.

With Mike Hall absent, Simon Hill moves to centre and Craig Morgan, 18, makes his full debut. Having recovered from an arm injury, Frano Botica returns for Lianelli but at inside centre, rather than fly half, where Craig Warlow is preferred.

Kevin Greene will be in charge of Glasgow for the final time if, as expected, they lose at Leicester. Greene, in tandem with Tommy Hayes, the fly half, has done wonders in taking the Scottish district this far. "The players should be proud of what they have already achieved, but now they must ensure they give it everything against Leicester," Greene said.
"We are out and out underdogs,

but we must try to get enough quality possession from the setnece to enable James Craig and Derek Stark to show what they can do." Glasgow recall after injury Iain Sinclair, the Scotland Under-21 open-side flanker, Murray Wallace is injured, but Fergus, his brother, continues in the back row. Bob Dwyer continues to ring the

changes at Leicester. Darren Garforth is dropped, Graham Rowntree moves to tight-head prop and Perry Freshwater comes in at loose head. Waisale Serevi and Austin Healey are again at scrum half and right wing respecfively for a match likely to prove a painful experience for the Scots.

Wasps' qualities provide key to success when England take on the strongest international opposition

Leading from the front for club and country

take losing very personally. In that respect, I wasn't the best person to be around on Sunday evening after Wasps had lost to London Irish. The possibilily of captaining England was the ast thing on my mind, but, 24 hours later. Clive Woodward had asked me to do the job, which

represents quite a pick-me-up. People have commented on the potential difficulties of captaining club and country, but I believe that they complement each other. I want Wasps to be successful: the challenge for us, at club level, is to continue the success of last season and develop the quality of what is a very young side. If we — and players at other clubs — are playing well, that is good news for England, because the management wants to have problems in selection, caused by the quality of performance by every squad

At Wasps I have been part of a very structured, very successful and co-operative set-up and I have been able to lean on those resources. That is what England are trying to establish. Clive has

lent team that includes three of the best club coaches and specialists such as Phil Keith-Roach, for scrummaging, and Dave Alred, for kicking, Each individual has a valued part to play.

Similarly, tactical awareness is something that comes with experience. I have only two eyes and two ears: there are other eyes and ears on the pitch and I am always prepared to listen. The key is to be flexible. One of the best assets any individual can possess is the ability to absorb what others say, select what is valuable and discard what you believe is not. In doing so, the decision you arrive at should be better balanced and, I hope, the right one. The last thing that I want to do is

separate the captain from the rest of the team. He may be at the forefront of the increasing profile of the game in England, but the whole England squad is moving upwards; the more successful we are, the more we will continue to grow into the public awareness. Look at the captaincy situation with the England football team.

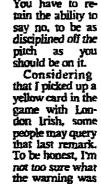
a high at the moment the responsibility has passed between various people -Shearer, Ince, Adams. Seaman -

but everyone is happy. We are all in this together. We must be as collective as possible. so that everyone buys into what we are all trying to achieve. I appreciate, too, that there will be extra demands on the captain's

down to manage-

ment. There are only 24 hours in each day and you have to use that time to best effect. Nobody should forget that it is the rugby that has taken you forward in the first place. You have to be a rugby player first. a celebriry second and there have been play-

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enough from our players complainulation of the scrums and that this was a general warning to me as captain. It was a match in which our consistency and intelligence let

opportunity against Sale tomor-

row to pick ourselves up.

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have lost sight of that in the past. cannot afford to have even one eye on the Heineken Cup play-off between Brive and Pontypridd You have to retoday. We play the winners next weekend and many people assume that it will be Brive. All I would say

is that I believe Pontypridd will be galvanised by the outcome of the judicial investigation and that, whoever wins. I'm glad we are at Those qualities I expect from Wasps must become integral to England if we are to be successful. The four internationals that are now coming so near for - it may be are an extreme challenge in rugby terms and our objective is to get an idea of which individuals can and that the referee

world. It will give us all the information we need about the back-to-back intensity required to beat the best and, by December 6, after we have played New Zealand us down and we must take the for the second time, we will know

how we shape up.
The most significant game is the

cannot operate at this level, against

three of the best teams in the

two games in a row means that I to allow New Zealand to overshadow Australia and South Africa, but that would be disrespectful to the other two countries. The last time we took the field was against Australia, in Sydney, and we came off second-best. We have no cause to overlook the qualities of the Australia side, whom we play first. on November 15.

We do have two advantages, though. One is the core of experienced players upon whom we can call, with whom we can blend the youthful talent that has brought down the average age of the squad so significantly. The other is the fact that our opponents do not know what our team will be. We know how much competition there is for places, while we also know how well English players fitted into the different playing patterns laid down by the British Isles in the

The likes of Sean Fitzpatrick. John Eales and Gary Teichmann may arrive in England believing there to be a certain predictability about our play - I hope that we can scotch that notion.



McIntosh, frustrated at not being able to play at Brive today because he is forbidden to return to the region while under investigation, draws comfort from the close-knit community in which he lives

Chief under a cloud

Ynysybwl might be "isle among the pits". The remains of the mining industry lie all around the Rhondda Valley but for Dale McIntosh, the pits have taken on a more McEnroesque meaning — this has not been a good year but at least his home in Ynysybwl, the little village just outside Pontypridd, has long

heen a haven for him. Under normal circumstances McIntosh would have been preparing today for Pontypridd's game against Brive, the Heineken Cup holders, in the French town's Municipal Stadium. But the meetings this season between the clubs have been tarnished by the violent confrontations that attended their first game, on September 14, and by what followed.

McIntosh, the black-haired, softly spoken New Zealander, is central to the subsequent unhappy history over the past seven weeks. He was sent off midway through the first game after a mass brawl and, as he left the field, made a series of thumbs-up gestures to the crowd that were subsequently judged sufficiently inflammatory for European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) officials to arraign him on a charge of bringing the game into disrepute (for which he received an admonishment).

Worse, he was one of three Pontypridd players to be named in an affray in Le Bar Toulzac later that same evening, which left

several Brive play-ers claiming injuthem out of the next cup game. That incident re-

mains the subject of a legal investigation in France and, until that is completed, French forbids McIntosh. Phil John and André Barnard from returning to the Corrèze region hence their absence from the McIntosh feels

game today. blow more keenly than most. This is no itinerant rugby player,

no mercenary, but a man who arrived in Pontypridd as a teenager and has put down roots. "Any other village in Wales than Ynysybwl and I might have been back in New Zealand now," he said. "I enjoyed the camaraderie on the field but the warmth of the welcome in the village was second to none. They are such genuine people, it was like



youngest of three brothers, comes from another small community. Turangi, to the south of Lake Taupo in New Zealand's North Island. He used the money gained after being made redundant from a

power-station project to travel the world and wound up at Pontypridd on the advice of Garin Jenkins and Ceri Jones, then the Pontypridd captain, both of whom were playing at McIntosh's club, Taupo. For all his ambitions to wear the silver fern of his own country, the young New Zealander took to his new environment like a duck to water. he recovered in time to play against

Pontypridd's New Zealander reflects on violent events

that scarred his reputation

His name was soon carried to the ears of the Scotland selectors — his finding a New Zealand community in the heart of Wales." grandfather came from Perth - for whose under-21, B and A teams he

played. But the constant travel and McIntosh, the the growing identification with Wales turned his thoughts closer to home: he married Nicola, an Ynysybwl girl, and the birth of his son. Dion (now four with a 16month-old sister, Tani) cemented the relationship with his adopted Few players can have served a

longer period of residential qualification before winning international honours. When McIntosh arrived in Wales the requirement was six years but a change in the regulations left him with a further two to go. Eight days after he had finally satisfied the regulations, Wales picked him in their back row against South Africa last December. Four days later he broke his jaw;

England, then broke his arm — for a fifth time — and missed the summer tour to North America. Adding to his worries this year has been the possibility of legal action over a nightclub incident. How easy it is to portray McIntosh, now 27, as just another sportsman imbued with an over-aggressive streak, rather than a technically well-equipped player brought up to compete to the edge in what can be

t the other extreme there is McIntosh, the worker for charity, the player to children in deprived areas, signing autographs. There is McIntosh the local hero, nick-named "Chief". "I would like to say that it was because my forebears included a great Maori warrior but it's because I'm supposed to look like a character with that name from One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," McIntosh said.

the hardest of team sports.

He is proud of his Maori background, from his mother's side of the family, but it contributes to a potent mix that makes McIntosh the character he is. He is happy to observe that he had not been sent off or sin-binned in a long career

before September 14 but admits that a chapter of three incidents, on and off the field, arrived one on top of the other. "Anyone who knows me will back what I say, that Dale McIntosh isn't a violent person," he

The one thing I try to stress to kids is that violence is wrong. They saw me on television, coming off the pitch at Brive and they say hey, you gave them a few dukes' but the first thing I explain is that that's not the way forward and that what I

did was totally wrong.
"I'm lucky that video evidence shows it was retaliation, that I didn't provoke any of it. People don't want a thug involved in

charity work. "But it wasn't a one-sided thing. We don't condone violence but we had to stand our corner. Yes, we are an aggressive side, that's the way you have to be in this game, it's part of the winning formula, but by no

means are we a dirty side. "But our name was ridiculed before any evidence came out. It has lightened a bit since but there's been no apology, no nothing. I hope now that it's water under the bridge. We bear no animosity towards anyone. All we want to do is get out on the pitch and play

rugby."
This afternoon, for the third time this season, Pontypridd and Brive will attempt to do just that and McIntosh, at home on his "island". will feel every tackle the more because he is not there.



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Bradley can storm to dou

RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE hair is now speckled grey and, after a recent 37th birthday, he is long past the average retirement age for jump jockeys. But Graham Bradley's enthusiasm for riding good horses remains as strong as when he partnered his first winner in 1980.

Throughout my career l have never ridden bad horses. and I probably have only 300 rides a year, which is not a lot for a top jockey. I limit myself to decent horses and that way my nerve and confidence stay intact. As long as I keep getting offers of rides on good horses, that will do me grand,"

he said yesterday. Bradley's horsemanship, including the way he presents a means trainers regularly turn to him in their hour of need --

Ascot this afternoon.

With Mark Richards, the regular rider of Stormtracker, temporarily on the sidelines, Colin Weedon immediately booked Bradley to partner his progressive eight-year-old for the Bagshot Handicap Chase (1.55). The Chiddingfold han-dler said: "Brad' is riding very well and he is the class act if a horse is good enough."

Stormtracker won twice last year but put up his best performances when chasing home Hanakham, the subsequent Sun Alliance Chase winner, at Wincanton and Flyer's Nap in the National Hunt Chase at the Cheltenham Festival.

A confirmed fast-ground horse, he made an encouraging reappearance at Market Rasen six weeks ago when finishing a two-length fourth to Garrylough. Left on the same handicap mark, he has improved since that run and should be better suited by the Ascot track.

Samlee has the form to pose a threat but invariably makes jumping errors, while the David Nicholson-trained Bar-

RICHARD EVANS

onet looks an out-and-out stay-

Nap: STORMTRACKER (I.55 Ascot) Next best: Mrs Em

(4.10 Ascot)

er. Jeff King's versatile performer incheailloch, a course and distance winner who is fit from the Flat, looks the biggest danger to Stormtracker. With Richard Dunwoody,

regular rider of the potentially

top-class Celibate, on duty at

Charlie Mann was another trainer who lost no time in securing the services of Bradlev, in the United House Construction Handicap Chase

The six-year-old Celibate benefited from a racecourse gallop at Towcester prior to making a winning return at Kempton a fortnight ago. A decent novice last term, third in the Arkle Chase, he has come on since his latest victory and looks fairly treated off a 3lb higher mark.

The front-running Indian lockey, unbeaten over fences. should be sharper after a seasonal reappearance over hurdles at Wincanton nine days ago, but the Martin Pipetrained runner may not be able to dominate with Down The Fell in the line-up. Storm Alert saves his best for the Berkshire track at this time of

threat to Celibate. The first of the televised races, the United House Dev-

elopment Novices' Hurdle (1.20), makes little appeal from a betting perspective, but the unheaten Song Of The Sword is fancied to maintain his record at the main expense of Ginger Fox.

Jim Old gave the four-year-old a recent spin on the Flat and the form of his last hurdling success was boosted by the victory of the runnerup, Blowing Rock, earlier this

After the BBC television cameras have been switched off, the Paul Nicholls-trained Mrs Em looks particularly well treated in the Copper Horse Handicap Hurdle (4.10), having been being headed in the final strides by Beacon Flight at Wincanton nine days ago.



The promising Celibate is fancied to complete a double for Bradley at Ascot today

NEWMARKET

1.00 Pontoon 1.30 Up The Wall

THUNDERER 2.40 SAMARA (nap) 3.10 Trigger Happy

Timekeeper's top rating: 1.30 BLUE DESERT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.00 LOVERS KNOT (nap). 2.05 Shudder, 2.40 Balalaika

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SINON can supplement Mark Johnston's good record in this event

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612		SHARP REBUFF 24 (D.F.S.S) (D Ahler) P Makto 8-9-2
613		PERSIAN FAYRE 14 (C.D.F.G) (M Grubb) J Berry 5-9-1 TE Durcan (3)
614		FRISH LIGHT SS (BF.D.F.S) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stocks 3-9-7 J Reid
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Dettori faces costly ban

FRANKIE DETTORI was referred to the Jockey Club discipling to committee yesterday after being found guilty of careless noing on Baajil, runner up in the E B F Red Lodge Maided Stakes at Newmarket. The Italian has been summoned to Portman Square under the "tolling-up" procedure bed use this latest transgression takes him over the threshold for referral under the system introduced last year.

If the disciplinary committee find him guilty, he will receive a uspension for today's offence plus a minimum ban of 14 days for the accumulation of offences - part of which may be deferred for up to six months. A long ban could rule him out of big races such as the Japan Cup or November 23 and the Hong Kong International meeting at Sha Tin on December 14. Detrori bypasses Newmarket today to partner Godolphin's unbeaten colt Asakir in the group one Criterium De Saint-

Cloud in Paris.

ASCOT THUNDERER

12.50 Sound Appeal 1.20 Song Of The Sword 1.55 Father Sky

2.30 Calibate 3.05 Honeybed Wood 3.40 Amlah

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12.50 UNITED HOUSE JUVENILE MOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0; £3,485; 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

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12413-1 SAMEE 28 (D.F.G.S) (Miss Curre Particular) is Hobby 8-10-9
12436-1 HELLWAR 14 (D.F.G.S) (Miss Curre 11-10-1
1256-1 GO SPEED VOIL 183 (B.D.F.G. (Miss Curre 11-10-1
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The versalite INCHCARLOCK can take advantage of the weight concession from Bestime

2.30 UNITED HOUSE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE BBC1

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2 679429- BIG MATT 186 (CD.F.G.S.) (TiPerescow Spring In Necessary 9-10-13 M. A. Rogardo 160
3 1227-1 CELBATE 14 (D.F.G.S.) (Signification) Process In-10-13 September 14 (D.F.G.S.) (Signification) Process In-10-10 September 15 4 (255-6) KRIBET 203 (CD.F.G.S.) (C.F.S.) (P.F. Region 10-10-10 September 15 Sep 1996 STORM ALERT 15-11-9 Fluctuscon Guero ten D Nacholson 4 ran

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3.95 BILL BIGMORE 60TH BIRTHDAY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3.599. 2m 4f) (10 numers)



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4.10 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$4,597, 2m 110yd) 16 numers)

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☐ Richard Thomas, general manager at Haydock Park. yesterday appealed for runners in the track's reopened novice chase next Wednesday. The racecourse executive announced this week that it will not cost owners anything to run in a chase on the course this season, but the Glengoyne Single Highland Malt Novices' Chase has attracted only seven entries.

Samara to sparkle over ideal trip

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.40: Desert Beauty landed a big gamble here two weeks ago in a 29-runner handicap, but Samara makes more appeal. Winner of a listed fillies' race at Epsom in June, she overcame a three-month absence to run even better behind Almushtarak and Decorated Hero in a group race at Doncaster. She failed to stay the extended nine furlongs at Longchamp and, back at her best trip, can reverse the French form with Balalaika.

3.10: In a sub-standard renewal of this listed event, The Gene Genie is a tentative choice. Runner-up in sevenfurlong maidens at Newmar-ket and Haydock, the colt showed even better form behind the well-regarded Gulland over a mile at Pontefract. Today's extra quarter mile should suit. Mark Johnston runs three and Sinon, a 20-1 winner on his debut at Redcar, could be the best.

3.45: Desert Track has been raised 9lb for winning a fastrun handicap at Redcar but still looks handily weighted. Prince Of Denial and Silk St John would prefer easier ground. Grand Musica showed his first decent form of the season behind Jay Owe Two here 16 days ago, and is well handicapped. 4.15: Night Of Glass produced

his best effort to win at Catterick last time but prefers softer going. Victory Team should confirm Newbury form with Zurs and Scissor Ridge but may have to give best to Magic Lake, who stayed on well to win over six furlongs at Leicester last time and will appreciate today's longer trip.

RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

WETHERBY CHANNEL 4

2.50: Potential for farce here, Pridwell having shown an unco-operative streak in the past. But the front-running style of Mistinguett, his sole opponent, can set up an inviting opportunity to show his better side, which took him into the Champion Hurdle frame two seasons ago.

3.25: This is the time of year to catch One Man at his best. That is a pretty brilliant best, but there is vulnerability behind his flair - he broke a blood vessel on the last of successive disappointing runs in the spring. This type of horse is always best fresh, however, and he can repeat his defeat of Barton Bank - by seven lengths on the same terms - 12 months ago. Barton Bank, a safer conveyance these days, managed second in the Gold Cup, but he is exposed. Instead, watch out for a promising run from Hermes Harvest.

4.00: Amitge has not been off the bridle in three starts. though that may change under her big penalty here. Nonetheless, having scoffed at two subsequent winners at Worcester, she can provide a rest for Monarch's Pursuit. although he did look a natural in a strongly-run race over course and distance.

CHRIS MCGRATH

RACING NEXT WEEK MONDAY: Nottingham (first race, 1.10), Newcastie (1.20), Plumpton (1.30). TUESDAY: Redcar (1.30), Exeter (1.20), Warwick (1.40). WEDNESDAY: Heydock Park (1.10), Kempton Park (1.30), Newton Abbot (1.20).

THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.40), Musselburgh (1.30), Towcester (1.20). FRIDAY: Doncaster (1.00), Heshan (1.20), Utioxeter (1.10). Heshan (1.20), Utioxeter (1.10). SATURDAY: Doncaster (C4, 12.50), Chepstow (BBC, 1.15), Newcastle (1.10), Utioxeter (1.30), Wincenton (C4, 1.51). SUNDAY: Sandown Park (1.00), War-wick (12.40), Wetherby (12.50)

Flat meetings in bold



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Broken bones collected in an afternoon's futile pursuit of National Hunt glory reflect a typically bad day at the office

Losers who revel in the thrill of the chase

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phrase of Surtees, as if they each had a spare neck in their pockets. They tide horses of a deep and powerful dodginess, soured, slow and half-schooled. They - accept

broken bones as nothing more han a poor day at swing a leg over a horse knowing that each ride could be their last. And they do it

for two pence a time. When they don't get offered when there are not very many horses running because the ground is too hard, like right now, or when there is no racing because the ground is frozen, there is no money coming in.

because they have

a head ringing with concussion, or they have broken a collar-bone, and hey are losing rides, and worse, good rides. As they wait for bones to knit, they know that someone fitter is stealing their horses and their trainers and their owners. And all the time, they wait for the injury that will end their career as a National Hunt jockey.

Why do they do it? Well, I shall

season. And that produced the grand total of ... five winners. He had to pull up 21 of these runners, mostly because they couldn't keep up with the other horses.

It was a ghastly year, a year out of a nightmare. Lewis grumbles —

never complains. In fact, give him half a chance, more than he usually gets on a horse, and he will start talking about the best job in the world. Why do they do it?

shall be revealed in due course. But more on Lewis. To Win Just Once: The Life of a Journeyman Jockey, his diary of the season from hell — that is to say, a routine season in the life of any jockey out of the top. dozen — has just been published. I am inclined to

not only because it is an intriguing tale, but because his sport, more than any other, is impressed by failure and mediocrity. More than any other sport, National Hunt is in love with its journeymen, its good old triers. It loves good people who ride bad horses in worse

Your true National Hunt follower infinitely prefers the "gaff" Hexham, Towoester — to the big days at



Lewis looks on the bright side at his home in Gwent after winning just five times in 141 races last year. His exploits are chronicled in a diary of his season from hell the sentence: "His estate would

Cheltenham and Sandown Park. He likes the trainers who stay in the game regardless of economic sense. And, above all, he admires the journeymen jocks who bring him his sport and, just sometimes, ride his money home.

There are getting on for 200 of them, all scrabbling about for the same rides, all of them caught in the same trap. If you don't get the rides on the fast horses, you won't win races. And if you are not winning races, no one will give you a ride on one of the fast horses. In National Hunt riding you are

either at the top or on the bottom. If you have a hundred winners under your belt, trainers and owners will fight for your services. If you have five — well, you don't unplug the phone before you go to bed. Lewis's book is a loser within a loser within a horror story. His

collaborator, Sean Magee, seeing

would be right up the National Hunt alley, arranged to do the book with a jockey called Richard Davis. The name will send a chill through those who follow the sport closely; blank indifference in those who do

that the tale of a journeymen jock

avis was, indeed, a journeyman jock. On July 19 last year, he went to Southwell for a single ride on a bad horse: a standard day at the office for your standard iourneyman. The horse was called Mr Sox, and it killed him. A bad horse - in the bottom three per cent of the 1,500 horses with ratings over fences - it took a jump all wrong, somersaulted over it and landed on his back with jockey beneath. The book concludes the account of the accident and Davis's death from a lacerated liver with

receive his fee for riding Mr Sox: Magee was going to scrap the idea of the book, but he and Lewis,

who was a great pal of Davis, decided to do it in Davis's memory. The season turned out to be much worse than either of them had hoped. Lewis, once a boy of huge promise, seemed to be growing into a man for whom luck passed by on the other side. The diary records a season of frustration forever larded with hope: and overshadowed by the memory of Davis.

Do I make the book, and its principal voice sound self-pitying? If so, I do both a grave disservice. caprices of fortune, of owners, of trainers that have condemned Lewis to the ranks of the journeyman. And more than that: "We still hadn't shaken off the other horse.

2.25 HARROW HOTEL (DALKETTH) NOVICES

7 (33-4 ANSKA'S GEM 38 (V) Mrs S Registers 4-10-7 A Dobbin 8 5 DURROWAN 27 bits M Reveloy 4-10-7 G Lee (3) 9 3 SHE'S A WHANER 138F P Monteith 4-10-7 I Jacobse (7)

11-4 Duccount, 5-7 Misser Woodstick, Sne's A Winner, 6-1 Anka's Gen, 7-1 Highfield Pet, 8-1 Gend Papa, 10-1 King Di Short, Onel Lad, 20-1 Calling The Tone

1 231U ROYN, VACATION 14 (C.F.G.) G M Moore 8-12-0 J Calloghan 2 /0-4 POPESHALL 17 (C.F.G.S) Miss S Williamson 10-11-6 J Supple 3 2122 TIGHTER BUDGET 14 (C.F.G.S) Deane Saye 10-11-6 A Dobton 4 3123 THE TOASTER 32 (F.E.S) Miss M Manager 10-11-1 E Callogham (9)

2.55 SALVESEN FOOD SERVICES HANDICAP

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3.30 EDINBURGH & NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY TURE CLUBS HANDICAP HURDLE

CHASE (£5,084: 2m 6f 110yd) (4)

(£2,738: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

So I rode to the last fence hell for leather and threw What's In Orbit at it as if it were a hurdle, got a couple of lengths and made enough ground to win going away.

Banal, too - but what does that matter? Have you ever thrown a horse at a decent-sized fence as if it were a hurdle? It is like the day you lost your virginity. National Hunt jockeys have a

hard and a brutal life, but they also have free entry to the world's greatest brothel of the senses. The reatest excitement in the world is theirs. What, jockeys complain? Can you imagine a young man complaining about being given a season-ticket to a brothel? And these National Hunt jockeys are paid every time they enter it.

l always remember lan Stark, the three-day eventer, trying to explain about the joys of throwing a

big horse over a huge jump. "It's better than anything in the world," he said. "Except maybe sex." The significant word in the statement is, of course, "maybe". National Hunt jockeys have not

chosen an easy option. It is a young man's game and soon, for most o them, the risks and the small rewards demand that you be sensible, grow up, get a proper job. And in a year or two, they look back and agree that they must have been mad but they never forget the mad joys of the very best of days.

winner. "I'm young and I'm enjoying what I do. I'm not looking forward to the time when I have to ☐ To Win Just Once: The Life of a Journeyman Jockey, by Sean Magee and Guy Lewis (Headline, £16.99). do something else."

ever, it is Wales, trained by

Paul Cole, who could be the

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Lewis, now 22, has had 30 rides so

far this season. And not a single

Hern's career draws to close

THE curtain came down on a remarkable career as Ghalib the listed James Seymour Stakes at Newmarket yesteray. The Soviet Star colt was the final runner in the 40-year career of Major Dick Hern, a period which has seen him gain remarkable triumph on the racecourse and, moreover, away from it.

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Hem trained the winners of . 16 British classics, eight Irish classics and two in France. But even more noteworthy have been Hern's victories over personal adversity, notably the broken neck he suffered in a hunting accident in December 1984, major heart surgery in 1988 and his dismissal by the Queen in March 1989, two months before Nashwan's victory in the 2000 Guineas.

12.40 Banker Count. 1.10 Speathead Again. 1.45 Secret Service, 2.20 Simply Dashing. 2.50 Pridwell. 3.25 One Man. 4.00 Stoned Imaculate.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

12.40 BOLTON PERCY HOVICES HURDLE

5-4 Banker Count, 15-8 Golden Thunderbolt, 4-1 Levil DI The Ringe, 14-1 My Showdouth, 15-1 Alzolid.

1.10 ARTHUR STEPHENSON NOVICES PANDICAP

| 19 | 2 /3-1 SYMBOL OF SPCCESS 7 (F.G) C WIRMONS 5-11-0 | A Magains 119 | Mr S Durack (7) 108 | Mr S Durack (7) 108 | 3 42P- LIFEBUCY 265 (BF.S.) J Turnar 5-11-0 | R Septim - 4 /A-U GAVASKAR 7 (F) A Septim 8-10-0 | T Sey | ...

1.45 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP HURDLE

10-11 Speanead Again, 2-1 Speakel DI Success, 9-2 Limbary, 15-1 Genedia:

1 1143 YURRALDE 36 (BF.D.F.S.S) M Pipe 5-12-0 A P. McCoy 127 2 213- 9000 WBES 200 (CD.S.S) T Extently 5-11-0 13 P Myes 126 3 1/31 WELSH MRL 17 (CD.F.S.S) His M Breefay 3-10-13 P Myes 125 4 504 FORESTAL 153 (D.S.S.) Houser Johnson 5-10-19 A Require 173 11-14 ABANE 333 (D.S.) M Camarica 8-10-8 R Degreeoby 127 5 11- ALBANE 333 (D.S.) M Camarica 8-10-8 H Memoris 70 125 8ECRET SERWICE 17 (SF.D.S.S) C Thombox 5-10-5 H Harnels (7) 125

n reserves (/) 128 5-2 Soud Vibes, 7-2 Welsh Will, Alabany, 9-2 South Sankes, 8-1 Yuksales, Forestal

2.20 PETERHOUSE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE

1 192. SBAPLY DASIMIG 253 (BF.C.F.E.S) T Exemby 6-11-10
R Departmenty 158

2 16.4 SENOR B. BETRIJTH 14 (D.F.S.) S-Nock, 8-11-8 A.P. McCoy 143
3 F-S3 SLEMOT S (C.D.F.R.S.) P Webber 9-11-0 A Magnim 144
4 34-2 STRATH ROYAL 17 (D.F.C.S.) O Bremun 11-10-3 M Bremain 150
8-11 Supply Decking, 4-1 Series B Betrudi, 5-7 Shepet, 11-2 Steak Royal.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPES: P. Webber, 3 winters from 5 maners, 80 Orig. D Michighton, 18 into 50, 27 5%; Mrs. M Renties, 50 from 154, 27 28; G Richards, 27 from 111, 24 28; J Essimbly, 11 from 57, 19,28; J Housted Julius, 15 from 73, 19,0%; N 1 wiston-Davies, 4 from 21, 19,0%.

JOSEPH P. Palmer, 48 states; June 171 ades, 29.95; fi Innecesty, 7-007 27; 595; A kinguis, 22 from 90, 24.45; G Lineague, 3 from 18, 18,57; D Bytte, 7 from 47, 14.95.

HASE (24,736: 2m 4f 110yd) (4) 1 FB-1 SPEARHEAD ASAIN 11 (6) Miss V Milliams 8-11-10 A Magaire 119

THUNDERER

(£3,652: 2m) (5 numers)

CHASE (£4,736: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

(£6,782; 2m 4f 110yd) (4)



Hern: overcame adversity

cessful send-off but finished a gallant joint-third with Proper Blue behind John Gosden's Saafeya, who beat Sandmoor Chambray by a length.

Having been presented with a bottle of champagne by racecourse chairman Peter Ghalib was sent off the 11-4 Player, Hern said: "I would favourite to give him a suc- like to have had my last

runner a winner but if you want something too much you and there you are.

"I really can't complain. I have had a long career — I have been training for 40 years and as I wasn't that young when I started, that's not too bad. It is very nice to have my last runner at Newmarket, the finest racecourse in the world. I have enjoyed it all the way."

Looking back at the highs and lows of his career, Hern added: "Obviously Brigadier Gerard was a great horse, but Nashwan winning the 2,000 Guineas was, I think, my best moment in racing, not only at Newmarket, but anywhere.

"I think the worst time here was when Gorytus trailed in last in the Dewhurst. He started odds-on and we never got to the bottom of what happened."

2.50 TOTE WEST YORKSHIRE HURDLE C4
(Grade R: £11,360: 3m 11) (2).

1 121- PROWELL 182 (F.G.S) M Plan 7-11-4 A P MicCoy 156 2 203- MISTINGUETT 215 (RF F.G.S) N Twiston-Omins 5-11-2 C Licenthy 157

Pridatell heat Yelend 1961 in 2m 7961
Haydock herdie (good); previously 1961
Particle (good) to firm). Mistinguent 4961 and to Potentiale in 2m
Chepatow hardle (good); previously 211 10th to Make A Stand in 2m
Champion Fundle at Chellenham (good to firm).

PRIDWELL should win but its not entirely reliable

1 21F- BARTON BANK 189 (BF.C.D.F.G.S) D Nicholson 11-11-10
A Maguire 189

2 25P- ONE MAN 212 (RF,CD.F.G.S) G Richards 9-11-10

B Dummody 177

3 1471 HERMES HARVEST 7 (V.D.F.G.S) D Williams B-11-2 Mr S Dosect 140

4 4U-5 MASTER BOSTON 17 (C.F.G.S) A Woodbassa 9-11-2 W Dwan 144

ONE MAN can have the odge over Barton Bark

NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: 3-Y-0: £8,955: 2m) (7) PAYFILLO TEMPERATOR DURANT 17 (CO.F.) T Estado 11-2 1 MONARCH'S PORSUIT 17 (CO.F.) T Estado 11-2 H Durantely 118

2 111 AMTGE 30 (D.F.G) M Pion 11-1 A P McCoy 122 COURT 1087 72F M Hamound 18-12 D Berliny — 1080 DISCORD 57F T Eastedy 16-12 C Usernity — 1080 MSCORD Man M Revolut 18-12 P Mana

11-8 Amilgo. 9-4 Morarch's Present, 7-2 Stored Imacuber, 10-1 Count Tony, 25-1 Lord Discord, Lugart Lagrant, Top Storet.

AMATGE can extend his winning sequence

Lorcan Wyer faces an absence of at least

three weeks after receiving a suspected broken left wrist in a fall at Wetherby yesterday.

8-13 One Man, 6-4 Barton Bank, 25-1 Hersses Harrest, Mester Busino.

3.25 CHARLIE HALL CHASE

(Grade, lt £18,390: 3m 1f) (4)

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12.45 Giverneyourhand. 1.15 Little Duke. 1.50 Brier's Delight. 2.25 Anike's Gern. 2.55 Royal Vacation. 3.30 Pharmistica. 4.05 Charlistions.

GOING; GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

12.45 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY NOVICES CHASE (£2,801; 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1 1130 TWO FOR DEE 17 (F.A.S) Miss L Ressell 8-T1-8 — A Dobbin 2 0-21 FEBBLE BEACH 21 (0).5 (5) (6) M Moore 7-11-2 — J Caleghon 3 -3FI COTTSTOWN BOY 18 Mrs. S Bookuma 6-10-10 Mrs Brackbaze (7) 4 22-2 (NNSB-EYDURHAM) 21 (6). J Cambra 6-10-10 — 8 Starry 5 -422 (NNSB-WHAM) 27 (6).5 (6) D Lamb 7-10-10 — J Brack 5 PS23 WAR WHOOP 14 (7) Mrs. It assell 5-10-5 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R Johnson 6-10-6 — Mr Forster 7 04-4 AND MERIORE 18 (5) R JOHNSON 6-10-6 — MR FORSTER 18

5-2 Pathilis Beach, 4-1 Electroportered, 9-2 Year Minorp, 6-1 Two For One, 13-2 Alde Mempire, 7-1 Kings Mirestal, 10-1 Collections Boy.

1.15 PETER & GILLIAN ALLAN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,696: 2m 61 110yd) (6)

10-11 Chisoch's Daughter, 3-1 Finer Fastings, 7-2 Little Daire, 14-1 others.

1.50 ISLE OF SKYE BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,007: 2m 1f) (6) 1 3211 (1904)-40-40 37 (F.G.S) M Farmond B-12-0 ... R Gamilly 2 712- RRORTS DELISHT 343 (7.67.CD.F.G.S) R Alten 9-11-2 A Dobbin 3 0-64 M GOWC 27 (F.S.) M Mes L Records B-10-0 ... A S Smith 4 3654 BLAZHED DAWN 27 (D.F.S.) J Indianat 10-10-0 ... K Johnson 5 486- REGAL DOMAN 27 (D.F.S.) J Indianat 6-10-6 ... K Johnson 6 456 SUPER SUPY 7 J Bankay 5-10-0 ... C McCommank (7)

4-5 Stoom-Ho-Ho, 5-2 Bilar's Delight, 13-2 Blazing Davin, 10-1 Movac, 25-1 Super Roy, 33-1 Regal Domain

1 -211 FATEHALISHARI 18 (F) B Elison 5-11-10 _ C McCommick (7)
2 10-2 PHARMASTICE 14 (C.G.) Mas A Sentiant 6-10-1 _ _ _ _ Supple
2 20- KING OF THE HORSE 183 (F) R Johnson 6-10-0 . K Johnson
4 5-31 SWEET NUBLE 68 (F.5) K Drewn 6-10-0 _ _ _ _ B Gratian (5)

4.05 LEVY BOARD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,220: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 :50- SHAMBRAN 267 (D.5) J Hubback 9-11-10 . B Grafton
2 -444 ASTRALEON 14 (D.F.6) R Altan 9-11-7 . S indense (S)
3 3432 HSHAMD WAY IF (F.6) IN TOOLINE 9-11-1 C INCOMPACK (S)
4 04-6 LIMBERX LADY 14 B Macangari 7-11-9 . G Live
5 23-6 CASRISTROMA 18 (G) J CONTÓ 6-10-4 . E Gatagolia
6 3-64 AMBER HOLLY 14 J Dison 8-10-0 . H McScath 13-8 Highland Waw 3-1 Lumback Lady, 7-2 Amber Hothy, 5-1 Astrakeon, 7-1 Charlestone, 10-1 Shahigram

HOEVERLAMPEON

7.00 Ikram Boy. 7.30 Rex Mundi. 8.00 Main Street 8.30 Mr Sponge, 9.00 Cherished. 9.30 Nineacres.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE GOING: STANDARD

7.00 CHARLECOTE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,427: 1m 100yd) (13 runners) ARES (3-Y-0: £2,42/: 1ml (UU)(d) (13 runners)

4 CONCER ARALL 187 S C Wilkings 9-0 Dam (TWelf 12

5 De CONT WORRY NINCE 5 J Spearing 9-0 P Fessay (3) 2

5 DO REAM BOY 8 A Bodey 9-0 D Winght 7

5 DE RACE 17 A Bodey 9-0 S Sanders 9-0 Professor (3) 2

5 DO ROTHHERN ACCORD 25 Mer J Romeden 9-0 J Fortners 3

5 Sanders 9-0 T Fortners 9-0 T Fortners 3

5 CALL 14 D Harden Longs 9-0 S Dromete 5

6 ELLAMBET 14 D Harden Longs 9-9 S Dromete 5

6 Bankers 9-1 D Green 8-9 S Dromete 5

6 Bankers 9-1 D Green 8-9 S Withworth 4

0 DELLY WAY 10 A Hide 8-3 Delta Gisson 14

2 Z00 WILL ARICE 46 P Causole-Hyam 8-9 R Harden (5) 8

3 DECO WHO DELT 14 R Hardenbedd 8-9 A Caddane 11

Testers A. 1 William Pub 7-1 Den't Warry Libits 8-1 Banto Box Anchem

Barton Bank left 18th in 35km Sandown grade III farrolicap chase (groot to soft; previously beat blarry Gale 91 in 3m 17 Auritrae grade II (groot) with One Man (18th better oil) purified up, heternes Hawnest heat Highbeath 111 in 3m 17 Mathet Rasen hardicap chase (groot). Master Boston 161 5th to Bertone in Westerby 216m Wimberby bardicap chase (good to fam). 7-4 Villarica, 8-1 Village Pub. 7-1 Den't Worry Lilla, 8-1 lium Boy, Nactern Ascord, 10-1 Concer Anal, Presentances, 12-1 others. **7.30** SHIFNAL CLAIMER (£2,265: 1m 4f) (12) 4.00 WENSLEYDALE JUVENILE C4

1 3423 SEEPHSPAR 174 (CD.S) W Mair 5-9-11 A Clark 11 2 0025 FRAM 39 (3) 9 J Practs 4-9-9 K Fallon 1 3 0080 INSTITA'S STAR 45 (CD.P) 0 March Smith 4-9-9 Carefor (3) 6 4 0052 WHILE PLANS 141 (F.S) K Batte 4-9-9 Carefor (7) 6 1 1050 EMILISH WANGER 5 (CD.S) Carefor 5-9-5 Products (3) 8 3044 EM-20 RIFG 12 (8.5) N Librories 5-9-5 Products (3) 8 7 6010 REX MISSION 15 (RF.CD.P) Piccos 5-9-5 J FEGURE 4 5 315 STATE APPROVAL 25 (RF.CD.P) Piccos 4-9-5 O Marishio (7) 7 5 500 SEGME VALLE 28 (3) Pickos 3-8-5 T Spories (3) 2 6 500 SEGME VALLE 28 (3) Pickos 3-8-5 T Spories (3) 2 11 3064 MANMA (MICH 14 (3) J Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 12 N LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (3) 2 Pickos 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Sporing 3-8-6 Products (3) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) I Marier Stand 7-1 (4) 2 LEWIS PROVE SEGME 4 (4) 7-2 Plast Maurill, 5-1 Greenspan, State Approval, 6-1 Myster Scrand, 7-1 extens. Monarch's Pursuit beat Duies Bay 71 in 2m Welliarby novice hardle (good to 2m Welliarby novice hardle (good to 5mm). Arriling beat La Dolco Vitz 41 in 2m 'Interester novice hardle (good to 5mm) in 2m 'Interester novice hardle (good to 5mm). The second over 101 into 5mm. Stored inscalable had easy in 2m 11 Bayon novice hardle (good): previously heat Menileno 29i in 2m 11 Cartmel novice hardle (good to 1mm). 8.00 PENDEFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,595; 61) (13)

STARES (2-Y-U-12,595; 01) (1-3)

1 0500 ARCANE STAR 9 A larve 9-0 C Lowber (3) 3

2 0500 ARCANES BOV 12 D O'Brien 9-0 G Barcheel 1

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5 40 MAIN STREET 10 W Horges 9-0 F Lyech 5

5 30 RN BRESAME 9 M John Condet 9-0 F Lyech 5

6 30 RN BRESAME 9 M John Condet 9-0 Horland 7

4600 SARA MODIO (2 ASSEC 16 K McLaidle 9-C J F Egen 4

8 6 SHARP FELLOW (100) Backing 9-0 Marrie Dwycr (10 PL LADY LAPHEDAME 98 (87) W Hole 8-3 K Failen 9

11 3205 MARCANE 2 SR R Hollands 9-0 Y Holland 7

12 0000 MAGGECE 26 R Hollands 8-9 A Coltant 6-9

13 0 SHOCKER 15 W Hogges 8-9 A Coltant 6-9

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8.30 SODFREY MYTTON HANDICAP

(£5,732: 71) (12)

1 1005 CRETAN GET 15 (N.C.F.G.S.) N Litemoden 6-10-0

2 4000 BOLD EFFORT 8 (C.F.S.) X Cunningham-Bross 5-9-12

3 0011 STATE OF CALITION 14 (N.C.D.) D Shaw 4-9-9 ... I Faming 7

4 0005 ASTRAC 8 (D.F.S.) N Texter 6-9-6 ... Sameter 10

5 0052 ABBERT THE BEAR 25 (B.D.F.S.) J Beny 4-9-1 P Fessey (9) 9

6 5303 MR SYONGE 23 (D.F.) Beloing 3-8-13 ... Marcin Dwyer 6

7 2400 STOPPES BYON 14 (N.D.F.S.) E I More 5-8-13 ... A Cart 1

8 3510 PERCLES 16 (D.S.) Gay Kallendy 3-9-12 ... J Frontine 6

9 5004 MR BERGERIC 5 (C.F.S.) B Palmy 6-8-12 ... D Sweeney 31

10 0000 SALDOHANTE 5 (D.D.F.S.) Sovering 6-8-10 ... S Wholser 3

11 0044 SR JUSY 14 (F.G.S.) P Murph 8-9-10 ... S Downe 2

2 6504 PLAN FOR PROPRIES 8 (B.D.F.G.) M Johnston 3-8-7 D Holland 5

1-2 kts Bergeric 5-1 Creap 6tt. 6-1 Aben The Bez kts Sonore 7-1 Sahe 0t

9,00 MIDLAND BAR SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: 52,128: 1m 100yd) (13)

[2-7-02: 22,128: 179 1009/0] (13)

1 0405 DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 19 N Tribler 9-7 ... (Im Tribler 10 2 420] PRIK TICKET 14 (DD) P Bears 9-1 J F Egas 6 3 859 MONGPOLY 137 M Johnson 9-0 D Holsand 8 4 0535 EMPERORYS COLD 24 (Campbell 9-1 Mackey 2 5 0005 SLAND GENL 12 (G) D Arbeithool 6-12 ... S Winstonom 4 6 0343 CHERISHED 14 (BP) N Tribler 8-11 ... S Sunders 11 7 0549 THECOMERIPACKOWE 12 5 C Winstone 8-10 ... R Fallon 7 8 450 SHARP MORREY 17 (N) Mrs. M Macadey 8-5 ... 5 Drown 5 5 0000 SKFARE 14 J Cultum 8-5 ... Dave 0'968 13 11 0000 SKFARE 14 J Cultum 8-5 ... N Cardia 12 2 0005 MARY LOU 19 M Charten 8-1 ... A Nacadey (7) 13 004 ASSIDNE PET GRU, 14 P Every 8-1 ... A Nacadey (7) 13 004 ASSIDNE PET GRU, 14 P Every 8-1 ... A Nacadey (7) 7-2 Pirik Ticket, 5-1 Chestshed, 7-1 Lady Ell, Mary Lou, 8-1 Dockhards Dispatch, Emparor's Gold, Island Gerl, Resurrection, 12-1 other:

9.30 WEST MIDLANDS HANDICAP

V Hallany 6
3 6440 BOLD ARISTOCRAT 28 (D) R Holischized 6-10-1 . F Lysich 12
4 0000 SHADOW JURY 10 (V.C.D.F.G.S.) D Clapman 7-9-13

5 3203 PHARADH'S JOY 34 (D.F) A Mexiconde 4-9-12 . A Mackey 7 6 2405 VALLAGE MATINE 28 (C.D.F) K Confingham-Brown 4-9-11

11-2 Proceen's Joy, Hamen's Usher, 13-2 Silk Cottage, 8-1 Metions, Bold Anchoral, 9-1 Wilage Matter, Wilk To Win, 10-1 Italian Symphony, Super Rocky, Miceacres, Amy Leigh. 12-1 others.

Wales can secure Saint-Cloud prize

SAKIR (Frankie Dettori), Newbury last Saturday. Distant Mirage Peslier) and Wales (Richard Quinn) represent Britain in the final group one event of the French season, the £44,893 Criterium de Saint-Cloud.

off the mark with a victory at

over ten furlongs today. Asakir is unbeaten in two starts, while Peter Chapple-Hyam's Distant Mirage got

answer. The son of the Irish Oaks winner, Knight's Baroness, was third to Central Park and Cape Verdi in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot and the form of his win at Goodwood

in September has worked out

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm 12.50 (Ef) 1, TUSSLE (M Femion, 5-4 lav. 12.50 (6) 1, TUSSLE (M Fembo, 5-4 lav. Our Newmarkel Correspondent's nap); 2, Baadi (L Deston, 5-1), 3. Splendid Isolation (R Firench, 7-1), ALSO RAN 7 Storm Fromise East Jeth), 8 Generous Ross, 12 Abusamari (Stri), 25 Spring Fever (6ra), 33 Any Martin, Magac Morning, Muy. 50 Pasacetul Sarah, 65 Editel Tiger, My Tyson, Top Geer 14 ran. 2], 31, 131, 131, 131 M Ball 32 Mewmarkat, Tote 200, 5140, C22C, 5200 DF 54 90. The E17 10 CSF, 56 47. 120 (Im) 1, RABAH (R Hills, 5-1), 2, Alburahin II, Detton, 8-11 lavi; 3, Briave Reward IJ Red, 2-1) 3 ran NR Cophern Common Nk. 41. J Durlop at Arundel Tote \$4.50 DF, \$2.20 CSF-\$8.37

Tote C4.50 DF. C2.20 CSF 'C8.37

1.55 (1m.21) 1, SAAFEYA (L. Detton, 7-2);
2, Sandmoor Chambray (S Sanders, 7-1);
31, Ghalib (R Hills, 11-4 tay); 31, Proper Blue IT Caurn, 7-2), ALSO RAN, 8 Sheer Darzeg (5th), 14 Baron Ferdinand, 16 Unraine Venture (6th), 20 Zugudi, 25 Fametle 3 rpn 1, 31, dd-th, 3, 11, J Gasden at Newmarket Tote: C4 DD: C1.60, C2.00, Proper Blue D7.0, Chalib C0.80 DF, C12 70, Tro. Sazateye, Sandmoor Chambray and Ghalib C8.70, Saateya, Sandmoor Chambray and Proper Blue 55: 90 CSF C25.83

50:30 (Sh' Eshas 230 (2m) 1, LADY OF THE LAKE (R Prench, 7-1), 2, Mawared (R Hills, 8-15 Lay, 3, Sweetness Herself (G Carlor, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pottari (4th), 4 ran '9, 11, des. J Dunlop at Arundel, Tote: £5.80, DF: 22-60 (CSF £10.74) DIF 22 60 CSF 2 10 74
3.05 (S) 1, HAPPY DAYS AGAIN (R Muten, 5-1), 2. Classy Cleo U.F. Egan, 3-1), 3. Atlandic Viking (D Holtand, 6-4 ten) ALSO RAN: 4-1 Medicummer Night (Sth.), 16 High Gain (4th) 5 ran 141 sh hd, 41, 341 Whatton at Metion Moviney, Tote, 57 80, 12.20, 51 60, DF, 510.30 CSF 519 70.

22.20. 21 60. DF. 210.30 CSF £19 70.
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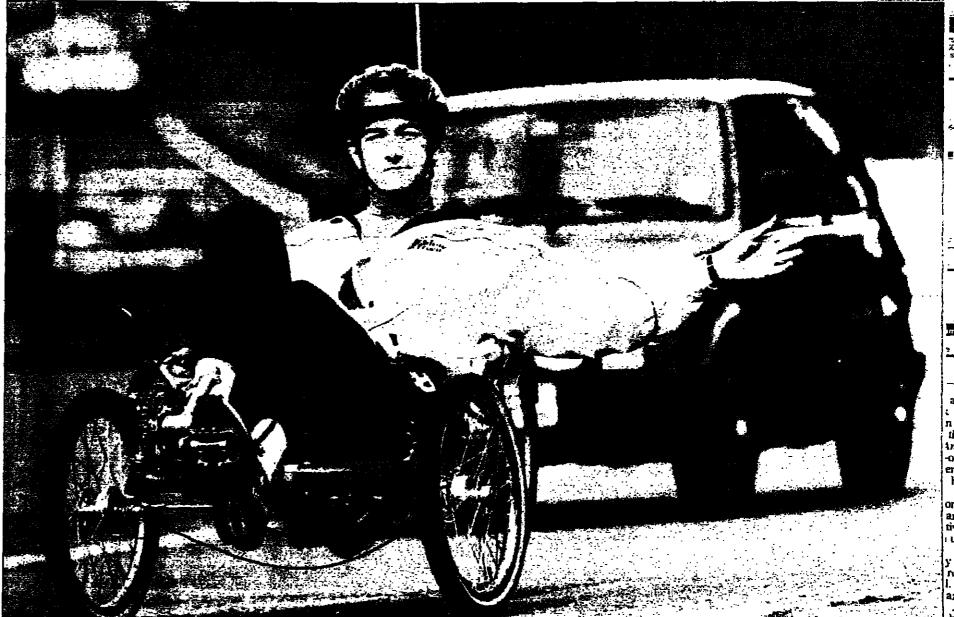
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Peddling the new laid-back approach

Vanghan Freeman puts his best feet forward to try recumbent cycles





nding a recumbent needs literally a laid-back approach.

Instead of perching on a hard little saddle, the recum bent rider reclines in the houry of a proper seat and can opt for a wind-cheating fairing. Because recumbents are so aemdynamic, they hold all sorts of speed records. While even a fit, keen cyclist

struggles to average 20mph, at 25mph without difficulty. But if the two-wheelers look

too much like a circus act and they take some getting used to - there is the option of riding laid-back trikes. Patrick Shaw quit his financial services job seven years

ago and set up shop specialising in recumbents, many of which he imports from America, where they enjoy huge popularity. Now they are catching on here. Shaw's FutureCycles

company in East Sussex even organises weekends for would-be buyers to rent one and try it out in the Winnie The Pooh countryside of Ashdown Forest.

My first taste of recumbency

came aboard a three-wheeler called the Trice. For anyone used to ordinary two-wheelers, the apparent lack of handlehars is most disconcerting. How do you steer?

The bars sprout, born-like, from the beneath your backside and appear either side of your thighs. The gearshift levers are mounted handily at the end of the bars, with the brake stops you, the right hand one is a parking brake. almost invisible, waiting for... the first truck to flatten you.

traffic spots you a mile off. Trice is incredibly quick, the drum brakes very effective, and after just 15 minutes or so, even novices are able to turn corners sharply enough to lift one of the front wheels. It is massive fun.

strange-looking beast, mean

Having mastered the Trice, it was time to try some of the more daunting-looking twowheeler recumbents. First came the Streetglider: pedals

WANT TO ride home

but can't be bothered pedalling? What you need is

an engine on your bike.

Powered bicycles are not new; the first hit the market

100 years ago. And the oldest British car company in con-

tinuous production - AC -

was founded when engineer

John Weller saw his friend

John Portwine, a butcher,

struggling with deliveries on

a boneshaking bike. Weller

fitted an engine, and Portwine's pedalling days were numbered. Humber,

later famous for cars, was

smallish wheels, yards of cycle the frame, and a seat like a Habitat style statement.

get aboard. Hold the seat back, step astride, then let go of the seat and sit down. Gently grip the bars. Get your foot on a pedal, give a huge shove, lift your other foot and you are off...though a bit wobbly.

The instinct is to haul on the handlebars beneath you for leverage, but there is no need. The seating position means the rider can generate massive amounts of power, unlike a regular two-wheeler, where

HE HILL BURK

Zeta: old idea, new form

making motor-driven bicycles in 1897 for ladies, with 143cc

"clip on" engines. Pedalling, unfortunately was not optional but the engine made life easier uphill.

Now Sir Clive Sinclair has launched the Zeta IL a £95, 12-

volt battery and motor to power an ordinary bike to up to

12.5mph without pedalling for almost five miles, just the job

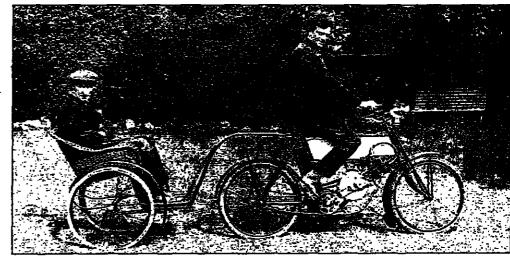
for the weary commuter — or a latterday chauffeur struggling

to get up a head of steam with Sir in the wicker rear seat.

control and was able to weave stop and take off again with-

bars on a 3ft-long stem in front, a cross between a child's Seventies "Chopper" cycle and lowrider motorcycle. This was hugely enjoyable, and rear suspension made the whole thing more like a mobile massage than a bicycle.

● The Trice costs from £1,550, the Streetglider from £1,350 and the Vision Metro from £895. FutureCycles is at Friends Yard. East Sussex. Tel: 01342 822 847





Past shocks: 1905 electric Humber with hanger-on, top, and 1910 cycle with motor attached

CYCLING at least 20 miles a week cuts the risk of heart disease by half AROUND 15 million commuter trips are made daily by bicycle TOTAL. distance covered annually by cyclists is more than that covered by London

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CAMBRIDGE is Britain's evclefriendly city: 27 per cent of journeys tos work are made on CYCLE ownership doubled from 1985 to 1995 with the advent of the AVERAGE life of a bike is between ten and 12 years

PEOPLE use their bikes less today han ten years ago THE ACCIDENT rate for UK evelists is five times higher than in Holland, with 213 British cyclists killed in 1995 ■ MOUNTAIN bikes account for two in three sales, though like 4x4 cars.

Retro-rockets launch comeback for Motorcycle Show

John Naish rides Kawasaki's big, bold attempt to recapture the Seventies spirit

7 hile we should be looking to the future at next week's Motorcycle Show. the Seventies are, apparently, back. For some years, Japanese makers have tried to revive the style of motorcycle they conquered the world with two decades ago naked road-bikes with upright riding positions and gutsy engines. But their attempts to sell socalled retrus have until now been foiled by the popularity of highly

strung modern sportsbikes. Triumph has shown the Japanese the way, however, its Thunderbird has sold well with a friendly detuned engine and Spaies styling. The International Motorcyde Show at Birmingham's NEC

sees the British launch of a hottedup version, the Thunderbird Sport. Now Japanese Seventies-style motorcycling is starting its come-

back, says the Motorcycle Industry Association; proof, it claims, that "motorcyclists use criteria other than outright speed when choosing which model to buy".

The 600cc sector is seeing most interest, with Suzuki's retro-styled Bandit outselling the sportsbike competition. Honda is launching its Hornet 600 retro, and Yamaha the FZS600 Fazer at the show to compete. So far, however, the big. bike market remains uncertain. While the Seventies saw a rush to sell ever more powerful sit-up andbeg machines such as the archetypal schizoid superbike - Kawasaki's 900cc Zi - most modern riders are. reductant to return to hanging on bolt-upright in the wind.

This has not deterred Kawasaki, hich this season launched the ZRX1100 on a wave of nostalgia, hailing it as the spiritual successor



ZRX1100: smooth torque makes for big fun down country lanes

to the original ZI - with 25 years' to hand, the ride feels comfortable technological improvements. Having owned ZIs for the vast majority of my riding career.

Kawasaki thought me qualified to

spend a week discovering what a

quarter-century can do to an old

idea. The ZRX feels instantly famil-

and predictable, and markedly more secure than the original

The motor delivers a flood of lowdown power that commands respect in first gear the front wheel lifts with little effort. The low seat iar to anyone who learnt on and relatively light weight make it Seventies bikes; controls fall easily a real proposition for women

seeking a litre-plus bike, and the riding position is painless in town. Kawasaki have created added retro-appeal to the muscle-bike image by building it with the type of extras that bomber-jacketed speed freaks used to buy to make their machines look better, go faster and handle adequately: bikini fairing, four-into-one exhaust

and braced swingarm.

The motor, a detuned version of the company's top-of-the-range rocket, delivers a torrent of midrange power; just open the throttle, hold on and smile. At medium-fast speeds the machine is a pleasure, mixing easy handling with good ground clearance.

Whizzing down country roads is pure easy fun, and so long as you prefer to ride at nine-tenths commitment it's a perfect summer blast. Push it to the edge and that twin-shock double-cradle frame betrays its heritage by wallowing slightly: nothing like a Seventies bike, but enough to disappoint

Power runs out in the upper rev range, and Kawasaki seems to consider this a smart tuning tradeoff; the natty fairing does little to keep windblast off the rider, so long high-speed trips are only for the

hairiest-chested heroes. While I greatly enjoyed the machine, Kawasaki is overselling it as a roadburner. It isn't. It's a fine, big usable all-rounder with a wide spread of power: bargain-basement priced at a little over £7,000.

The fact that it is almost cured of all Seventies vices means the ZRX has almost inevitably been sanitised. The Japanese can build a bike for every niche now just by redialling their computers, so the mildly tuned motor may be aimed at born-again bikers

Nineties sophistication, A splash of aggression at the upper limits would better recapture the ZI spirit, though. Maybe some aftermarket parts could be the

answer . . . plus ça change.

who want rugged old looks with

IT'S SHOWTIME

THE INTERNATIONAL Motorcycle Show, which opens next Saturday, sees the stakes raised in the superbike power battle.

Honda's British launch of the revamped Fireblade sees the current streetlighting king lighter and more powerful. But Yamaha's all-new 1,000cc YZF-Rl, is the size of a 600cc bike and produces a massive 150bhp -- as much as a sports car. The show features a free

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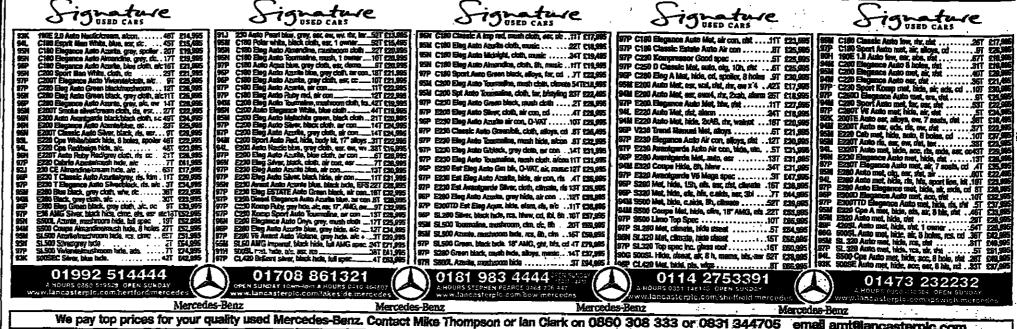
At the other end of the spectrum is a flurry of new scooters from Suzuki. Gilera and Peugeot.

competition to win one.

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Politics, not sense, is behind plans to make drivers earn their licences every ten years

Sorry Mr Eurocrat, but you have failed the test

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Some of us have been complaining for years that if we must have this ridiculous talking shop, then it ought to be given some teeth to go with its tongues.

We were wrong. We blew it. We should have kept our mouths firmly shirt

We should have smiled nicely and said nothing when all those self-important Euro MPs popped up on the telly to explain the latest Strasbourg "initiative". We should have humoured them. We should have kept our counsel. We should not have given them

any legislative teeth. We should have known that they would use them, or try to. What the

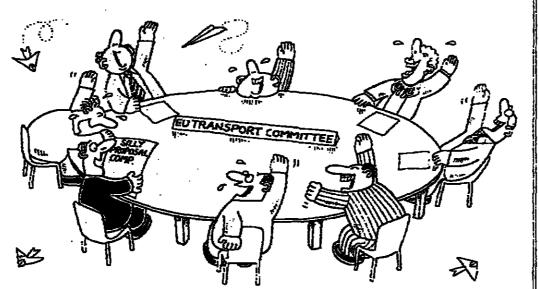
European Parliament needs, we used to say, is more power to make policy. Now it has more power to So what is one of the early moves

that it comes up with? A driving test every ten years. Fortunately, it looks as if this proposal, emanating this week from the Parliament's transport dommittee, may not have the legs to reach the legislative finishing line. Even Neil Kinnock, the EU Transport Commissioner, sounded lukewarm about the idea when it was put to

The trouble is that Euro MPs have become extremely sensitive to the charge that they are politically impotent, so some of the more active ones are looking at every available means of proving otherwise.

Getting themselves plenty of publicity is always a good start, and of course we all either drive or are affected by driving, so what better subject to get their names in

Mark Watts is a Labour mem-



ber of the transport committee and he had a typically colourful expla-nation as to why ten-year testing was needed: "It does seem strange **DRIVEN TO** DISTRACTION that you can be granted a licence of

up to 50 years to drive a vehicle

that can kill, regardless of your

standard of driving," he said. "To

save lives we must take tough

Invoking scenes of mindless idiots in charge of lethal weapons may sound convincing, but it is not in touch with the real problem.

Sorry, Mr Watts, that is wrong.

To save lives we must take

sensible decisions. To save lives we

must take decisions that are based

on the facts. Mr Watts may have

fun flexing his legislative muscles,

and demonstrating how tough he

is. But the real test of road safety

legislation is whether it actually

Where is the evidence that our

Indeed, if some people are not

safe drivers after they have taken

the initial driving test, why should

they be any safer after they have

roads would be safer if we took a

driving test more often?

taken a second one?



Peter Barnard

Yet it is the case that most accidents, or at least a disproportionate percentage of accidents, are caused by young people: you know, the ones who have just

The problem is not that these young people are all reckless, though some are, but that they lack

And, as all of us who have been through a driving test know, a test gives you experience of taking a test, not of driving a car. We may well need a better test, we may well need a test with a motorway

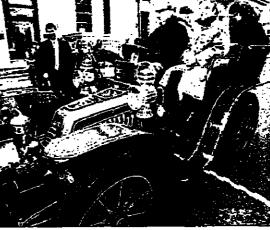
element, for example, but more tests we do not need

Mr Watts says that under the present system, people can drive for 50 years no matter what their ability, or lack of it. Wrong again. In Britain at least, young drivers who accumulate six penalty points within two years of obtaining a licence must take another test. This is an excellent - and recent legislative change that ought to concentrate the minds of younger

Its benefit is not the second test as such, but the fact that the threat of having to take another test encourages drivers to behave themselves on the roads.

Let us leave it at that. Let us not get into what the AA correctly called this week the "bureaucratic nightmare" of ten-year testing, which in this country alone would involve an extra 25 million tests

Great news for manufacturers of L-plates and the printers of licences, but i can visualise civil servants jumping off the roof of the DVLA building if this daft scheme is ever given life.



Vets reach 70 on Brighton run

Lord Montagu previews a host of birthdays for the famous drive

Brighton veteran runs began exactly 70 years ago, when motoring writer Robert Beare, fascinated by correspondence in the press about how long cars could last, organised a run for cars, "not less than 2! years of age" to mark the anniversary of Emancipa-

tion Day. A remarkable 44 cars started, but no one could have foreseen that 70 years later, the run would have become one of the world's greatest speciator events, with an estimated one million spectators expected to watch nearly 450 pre-1905

More than 60 have come from 15 overseas countries. David Sharpe, who lives in China, has entered a 7mph twin-cylinder 1902 Panhard et Levassor, while one of the oldest participants, the 1896 Peugeot of Tomes Skrzelinski, is almost certainly the first entry to come from

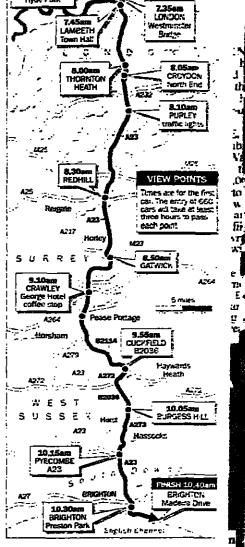
Since Oldsmobile, America's longest surviving marque, is celebrating its centenary, it is appropriate that five Curved-Dash Oldsmobiles, America's first ing part. The 1899 Haynes-Apper

son entered by Michel Rothschild is one of the earliest surviving examples of a long-forgotten marque that once claimed to be America's oldest

Another marque whose centenary is being celebrated this year underlines the fact that America was once the most world's prolific manufacturer of steam cars. The Stanley Steamer was built by the Stanley twins, who had made their fortune from photographic inventions. There are two Stanleys among nine steam cars from rival makers.

The run's five electric cars include a 1904 Krieger which spent many years on display in the Science Museum and which was brought out of mothballs in the post-Suez petrol rationing of the mid-1950s.

The RAC, which has organised the run since 1930, celebrates its centenary and is running both its veterans: a 1901 Mors driven by RAC President, Prince Michael of Kent, and



IT WILL be age before (or as well a beauty when cars leave Hyde Park London at 7.30am tomorrow for the London Brighton run, the quickest reaching ti finishing post from mid-morning, Eve-Art Prentice writes. First off will be a 104-year-o Benz entered by Timothy Garrett from Ker the youngest is a 1904 Peerless entered ! Automuseum Deventer in Cambridge.

RAC advice to motorists caught up amor the entrants is not to hit the brakes too has because following veterans have primitive brakes to stop contraptions that can weigh t

The annual run marks Emancipation Day 1896, when the law requiring a man with a re flag to precede all motorists was repealed. has had its hilarious moments though: Richai Shuttleworth's Panhard et Levassor used . gallons of water on the 1928 run while h mechanic had to abandon his seat when h trousers caught fire. Hopes are high that the will not be a repeat tomorrow.

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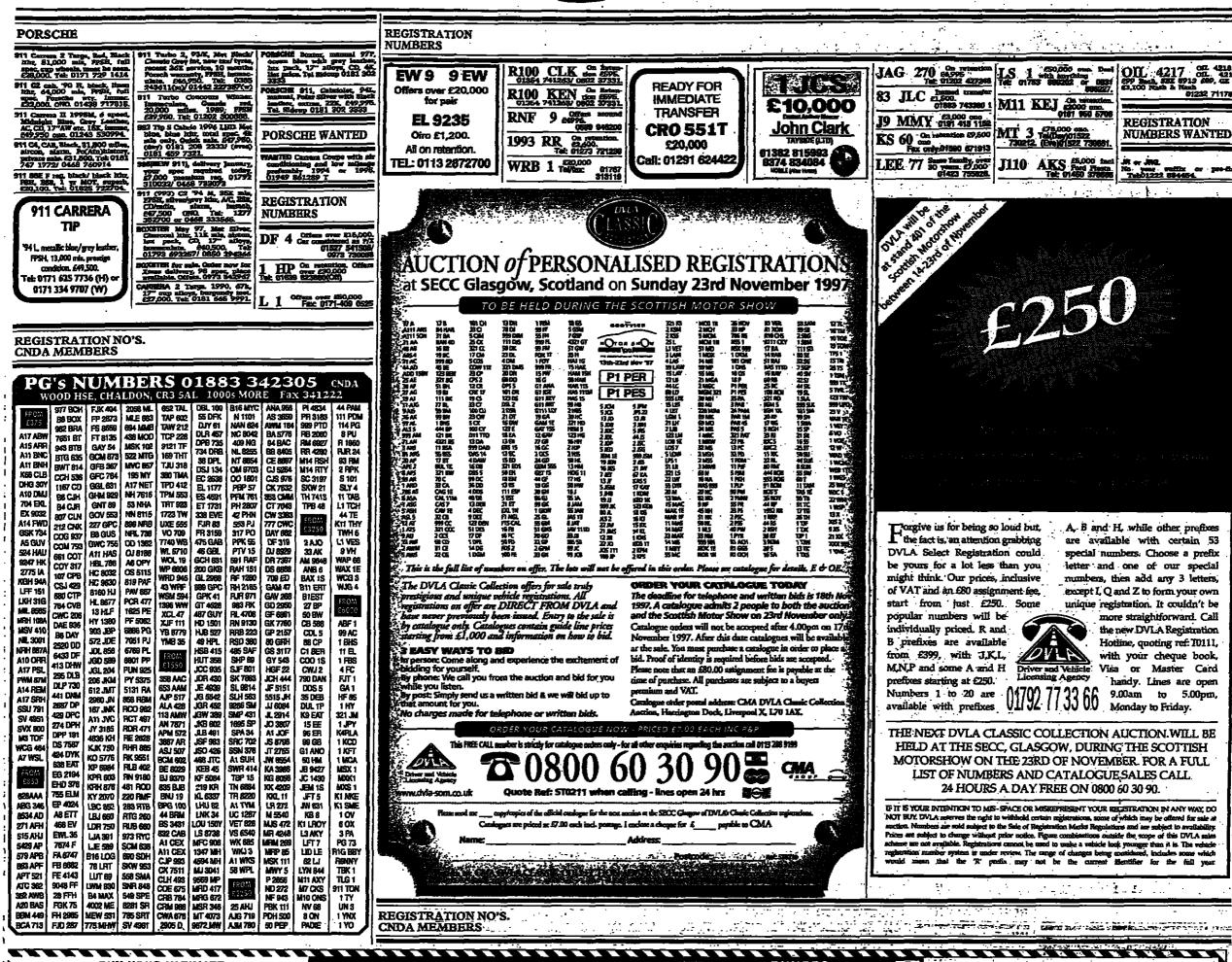
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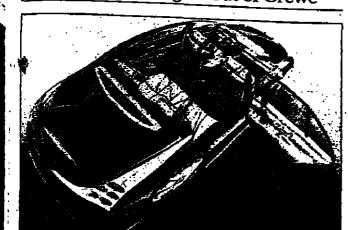
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Mercedes launches its change of Rolls

Kevin Eason on the luxury car that may keep Stuttgart out of Crewe



Maybach was designed from the start to be chauffeur-driven

his is the design con-cept for a huge limou-sine that will determine whether Daimler-Benz attempts to buy Rolls-Royce.

The German manufacturer revealed the Mercedes-Benz Maybach at the Tokyo Motor Show this week with the clear intention of previewing a model : that would rival a Rolls-Royce for sumptuous comfort, but in a package technologically beyond the resources of Britain's cashstrapped favourite.

Mercedes executives said they were not interested in buying Rolls-Royce, boosting the odds on a successful bid by BMV.

But Mercedes has clearly decided it wants a big slice of the market traditionally left to Rolls-Royce alone. The rich and the even richer still apparently want cars that are symbols of the sort of conspicuous consumption everyone thought was out of fashion.

The Maybach is a veritable hemoth at 19ft long, 2ft longer than a normal S-class Mercedes and bigger than a long-wheelbase Rolls Silver Spur. The question is whether it is

easier and more cost effective for Mercedes to spend £400 million on acquiring Rolls-Royce or the same amount developing its own super-saloon.

In spite of denials, Jurgen Schrempp, head of DaimlerBenz, was allegedly by chance dining with Vickers chairman Sir Colin Chandler on the night Rolls was put up for sale. What could they have been discussing? We can only wonder.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, Merc's designers were all of a tizz talking up their limousine, which would easily slot into Rolls-sized price lists of between £120,000 and £250,000.

The car has electrically adjustable reclining rear seats, a full communications system with a mini-computer and three telephones, video recorder and screens, full bar including tea and coffee server, and a strange smoked-glass roof.

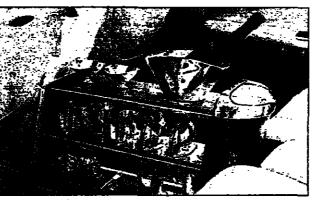
Even the lights think for themselves, with four headlamps for dipped beam, high beam plus an extra bad-weather light and a high-performance system -- all switched on and off by computer. The brake lights are two-tone, with the usual intensity for normal braking but a high-powered light when the driver hammers the anti-lock system in an emergency. When the driver engages

reverse, a television camera switches on to show the rear of the car, which must feel about as distant as the stern for the captain of the QEII.

The car — powered by a lightweight 6-litre VI2 — was designed at the outset to be



Computer controls lights, with four for dipped and high beam plus a bad-weather light and a high-performance system



Rear cabin features a bar, and a communications system with a mini-computer, three telephones and video recorder

chauffeur-driven and at a price that would put it into precisely the market where Rolls has operated almost alone.

But poor, impoverished Rolls simply does not have a compa-rable range of technology; equipment that Mercedes can happily develop, use on its super-saloon and then recoup

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the costs by eventually offering it across the rest of its range. The British company will always be able to out wood-andleather the Germans, but limousines for the next century will need to offer the gizmos that drivers increasingly regard as fixtures and fittings rather than

So what will Herr Schrempp and his board of directors do? There seems little point in Mercedes buying a luxury car company when it already makes

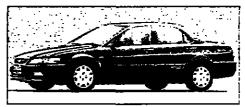
a competent and equally luxurious rival - especially when it has a huge amount on its plate already, launching the A-class small car, M-class 4x4 and the

Smart city car all in the next

But there is one extra reason why Mercedes will probably never buy Rolls-Royce: how can a company buy the business that reputedly builds world's the best cars when it modestly titles its press release for the Maybach: the Masterpiece?

SEPARATED AT BIRTH?





Japan's: something completely different?

YOUR MISSION, should you chouse to accept it, is to study the pictures of the two cars above and to list the obvious differences.

The nice thing about Japanese manufacturers is that they clearly believe their own publicity, which this week produced an assurance from Honda that its Accord might be made in !! countries, but from now on they would all be completely different. Honest.

The sixth generation of the "World Accord" is simply a platform chassis designed in Japan on which each national manufacturer can build its own size and shape of Accord, according to local demand or "widely disparate customer tastes". says Honda.

So the designers in Japan and America tronted to their studios, sharpened their pencils and ... produced cars that look suspiciously alike. Was there a naughty designer looking over shoulders and copying?

This appears to mean that buyers here shouldn't hold their breath for anything radical when the British-version Accord - made at Swindon - is launched some time next year. It will indeed be designed in Europe to suit all our needs and peculiar tastes, yet it will probably look very, well very . . . er, similar to the Japanese and American Accords we show you here.

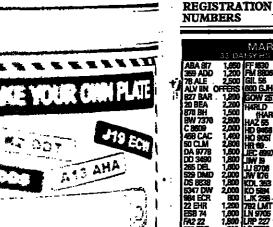
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Honda should worry though: the company has sold 9.3 million Accords worldwide over the past 21 years in 140 countries; the car has been the bestselling saloon in America and has a sterling reputation for reliability and quality over here that many a European manufacturer would kill for. Even if it does look boring.



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Hassle-free home loans a reality for the self-employed

aking a success of your new business will be your number one challenge as a self-em-ployed person, but trying to get a lender to give you a mortgage to buy a house will tan if a close second.

.The bad news is that if you work for yourself the odds against being granted a mort-gage lengthen considerably. particularly if you have been self-employed for only a short

The good news, however, is that more and more lenders are realising that with an estimated 3.5 million Britons working for themselves there is a huge mortgage market still waiting to be tapped, and the more innovative among the banks and building societles are trying their best to take the hassle out of home loans for the self-employed.

If you want to borrow less than 75 per cent of the value of a house it is probable you will be classed as a non-status buyer and, because you are nutting in a sizeable deposit, your route to a mortgage should be straightforward. However, if you need to grow more than this, trying figet a mortgage can be a long and frustrating process, espeorally if you know that you can gouinely afford the monthly

Traditionally, mortgage ders demand three years' counts before they will consider an application from a self-employed person, which leaves anybody with less than 6-months' trading experience echnically high and dry. But while these lenders still exist, a growing number are becom- the bigger high street outlets.

MORTGAGES

John Givens explains how to

keep cautious lenders from rushing for the panic button

ing self-employed iriendly and David Metcalfe, mortgage look sympathetically at processing and telemarketing

The secret is finding a mortgage lender who will make life as easy as possible because starting off with a bank or building society which still adopts draconian policies will cost you valuable time and money, and possibly the home you had set your heart on.

Banks and building societies adopt strict lending rules and want to be sure that borrowers have the ability to repay the loan, with interest. Because the self-employed do not have regular monthly salaries going into their bank account, the lenders get nervous and look very closely at applications from people who work for themselves.

A handful of lenders will be happy to accept two years' accounts as a starting point for a self-employed mortgage application. Among these is the Chelsea Building Society, which tries to adopt a more flexible approach than some of

controller with the Cheltenham-based society, says that everybody is assessed

individually. He said: "We look at each case on its merits but, although we try to be flexible, there are certain things we need to be satisfied of before offering a mortgage.

"Proof of income and stability of profits are important. In some cases, if properly prepared accounts are not available, we will accept verifiable self-assessment forms which the Inland Revenue has indicated it is happy with to give an indication of a self-employed person's income."

However, people going it alone, particularly those new to self-employment, can be their own worst enemy when it comes to applying for a

This is because of the myriad of allowances the selfemployed can claim against tax, which often result in the end-of-year accounts showing



Contractor dispelled fears at interview

I an Witham, a self-employed com-puter analyst, found getting a mortgage was easier than he thought, although he has one black spot on his credit record (John Givens writes).

The 43-year-old contractor, currently on assignment with Prudential in London, managed to persuade Bristol & West to give him a £90,000 loan towards a £125,000 five-bedroomed

Westbury Park district of Bristol in March last year.

Although he was able to produce the mandatory three years' accounts. he also had to explain how he came to have a £3,400 county court judgment registered against him. After Bristol & West was satisfied with his response it offered the father of four

Edwardian terraced house in the and his 39-year-old wife, Caroline, the mortgage for the home of their

> rate deal at 4.99 per cent, said: "Although I could show them three years' accounts I felt the interview Bristol & West gave me was as important to the process as anything else. It gave me the chance to explain

that the CCJ I incurred was because of a dispute with a firm of accountants that I took to court after they made a number of mistakes.

The whole process took about two months, and because we held savings with Bristol & West it was the only lender we considered going to for a mortgage, and the fixed-rate deal was

relatively small profits, which disguise the applicant's true level of annual earnings and leads to the lender rejecting the loan on the grounds of lack

of income. The self-employed might even find getting an offer accepted on a house difficult because many sellers are aware of the problems people who work for themselves can have getting a mortgage.

Howard Davis, Bristol area manager for CJ Hole, an

estate agent based in the South, says vendors are often reluctant to consider their house sold if an offer comes from a self-employed person. He said: "Self-employed people with less than three years' accounts are really up

"About 15 per cent of those buying from our branches work for themselves, and when they make an offer on the property they are immediately referred to our financial services team to see if they meet the criteria for mortgage

purposes.

"It is then up to the vendor as to whether we continue to market the property; and I would say that nine times out of ten the seller will ask us to

keep going until it is clear that the buyer has a mortgage in place and can proceed." Self-employed people who struggle to find a company

that will offer them mortgage facilities could turn to one of the growing number of lend-ers who realise that life doesn't always run in textbook

ensington Mortgage Company, of London, has established a reputation since it was founded in October 1995 as a lender who will look at mortgage applica-tions which fall outside of the normal lending criteria of banks and building societies. Around half of its customers

of up to 90 per cent of the value of a residential property for new purchases and 80 per cent for remortgages, for periods of up to 25 years.

Because it deals with cases where the risk of default is judged to be higher than average, the mortgages charge interest well above the normal are people who have suffered standard variable rate, which

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is currently 8.45 per cent. Interest is linked to the London Inter Bank Offer Rate (Libor), a variable index currently standing at 7.35 per cent. Depending on Kensington Mortgage Company's assessment of the risk involved, it will offer terms at between 3 per cent and 5 per cent above this rate.

However, on the plus side of the cost equation, the company does not charge a mortgage indemnity guarantee premium, which most lenders levy on funds loaned above 75 per cent of the value of a property and normally calculated at between 6 per cent and 8 per cent of the amount involved.

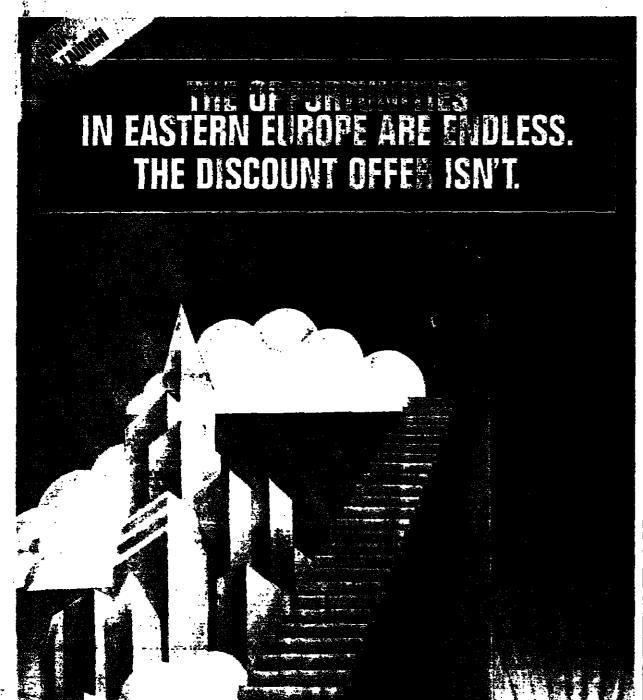
What's more, the redemption penalties are considerably less than at many of the major high street lenders, with a oneoff penalty of three months. interest being paid if the mortgage is repaid within three years of it being taken

Chris French, chief executive of Kensington Mortgage Company, which has taken on 6.500 mortgages worth more than £350 million in the past two years, says customers appreciate his company's approach to their requirements. "People like to be treated as

individuals, and we try to take a more up-to-date view of what is happening in an individtraditional lenders," he said. "If we have a self-employed

person without accounts, we will ask the applicant's accountant to give a professional view on where income is coming from and look at the overall ability of the person to repay the mortgage."
Although Kensington Mort-

gage Company's home loan portfolio is only two years old, figures suggest that it has got its risk assessment right, with the number of repossessions still in single figures.



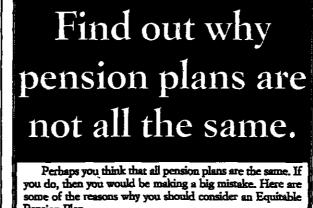
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A car is the second most expensive purchase you will make. Eve-Ann Prentice shows how not to get caught

Don't buy a banger and crash

wants to sell has gleaming paintwork and an interior to die for. But it is dangerous and you could pay for it with your life.

You may think you are immune to the wiles of latter-day Arthur Daleys, yet 21,000-28,000 cars written off after accidents are believed to go back on the road every year, says the Office of Fair Trading. This endangers not only new owners, but other road-users if the vehicle is in an accident.

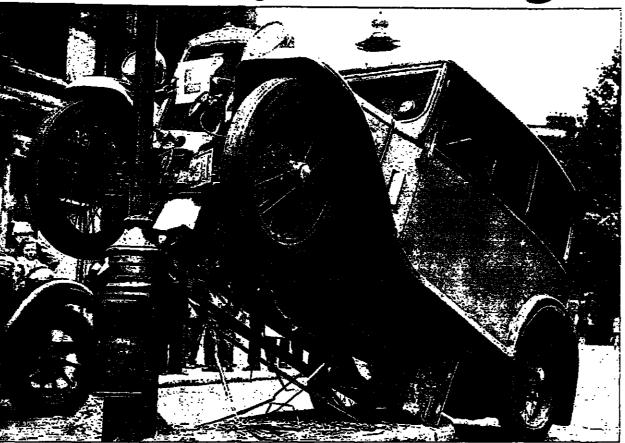
About eight million used cars are sold every year and more than a million people — one buyer in six — has a problem within six months, says an OFT report published last week. As well as the obvious perils of resurrected write-offs, used carbuyers are also prey to "clockers" who turn back mileage readings. They also risk buying one of the 500,000 cars stolen carb year, while one in seven cars on sale checked by a database company had finance or HP owing.

The scale of the scams is enormous and, in an attempt to make buying a used car less daunting, the OFT has issued a pamphlet, Buying a Used Car?

How to get the Best Deal. It includes a long checklist for potential buyers.

Before you buy, says the OFT. decide how much you can pay and include insurance. MoT. road tax. fuel and servicing. You can also get an independent inspection (about £100-£300), by a professional engineer or motoring organisations such as the AA or Green Flag.

Buying from a dealer is the safest way as you get the maximum protection of the law, says the OFT. "But there are dodgy dealers, so look for an established firm with a good reputation." A trade association sign may, mean that the firm follows a code of practice. The Retail Motor Trades' Association



Crunch time: 50 years ago small saloon cars were less powerful than today. Now a run-in with a lamppost could easily cost you your life, especially if your car has been "cut and shut" — rebuilt from the undamaged ends of two written-off cars before resale

Motorline (0345 585350) or Scottish Motor Trade Association (0131-225 3643) can tell you local dealers that subscribe to an OFT-supported code of practice.

Buying privately may be cheaper than through a dealer, but is much riskier. The car must be as described, but if a private seller lies about its condition, you can sue for your losses — if you can find him. "Some dealers pretend to be private sellers to avoid legal obligations and to get rid of faulty cars," says the OFT. "They advertise in local newspapers and shop windows." Adverts with a mobile phone number or which specify

a time to call (it could be a public telephone box) should be treated with care. Alarm bells should also ring if you call about a private car and the seller says "which one?"

uctions are probably the most risky way to buy a second-hand car, says the OFT, though you can get bargains. Disclaimers, such as "sold as seen", exclude buyers from some or all of their legal rights. Go to see how the auction works first, then take someone who knows cars when you go to buy. If you buy a stolen car, the

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police can take it from you to return to the original owner or the insurance company if a claim has been paid and you will get no compensation, even if the car was bought in good faith. You can sue the seller for losses — if you can find him or her. Even worse, if you bought a stolen car on credit, you may

still have to pay off the loan.

If you buy a car with outstanding credit, the lender can usually take it back. Again, you can sue the seller unless he has disappeared. There are some limited exceptions to this, says the OFT, and you may be allowed to keep the car if you

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Selling Second-Hand Cars and Buying a Used Car? are free from: OFT, PO Box 17. East Molesey, KTB OXW. An AA guide to buying second-hand cars is free at AA shops.

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ou have successfully negotiated the second-hand car market minefield unscathed and found the bargain of the decade. But you need a loan to pay for it and the choice can be as baffling as a bad car salesman's spiel about conrods and big ends (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

Many people take out hire purchase or a loan from the dealer who has sold them their car. but you should not feel pressured into automatically accepting the dealer's finance package.

Buying a second-hand car can be almost as stressful as moving home, says the AA, and part of the reason is the large sums involved. As the table shows, the

monthly cost of repaying a typical £5.000 unsecured loan over three years can range from £167.56 to £203.16, depending on the lender, loan terms and if it is insured. As with most unse-

cured loans, generally the smaller the sum that you borrow, the higher will be the interest rate.

ost organisations, such as the AL charge higher rates to non-members and banks may want you to open an account and make repayments by direct debit.

The AA even helps borrowers to become eash buyers with all the bargaining power it brings. For £30, successful loan applicants can have up to £15,000 delivered to their door by courier.

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Susan Emmett on the growing popularity of Internet financial services

Private investors are online and up-to-date



Many people are now turning to the Internet to get hold of up-to-the-minute financial information and services

ot content with waiting for television or the papers to give them the bad news, thousands of private investors went online this week to get the latest on the markets.

From personal equity plans. to investment and unit trusts the world of investment as most services are now available online. But it was the sites which showed where the markets were going that attracted most private investors in a week when the FTSE 100 hit a low of 4,382 points.

Since the Stock Exchange relaxed its rules in June and started providing prices for a number of internet companies, the smaller home player has had access to a cut-down version of the figures available to the big boys in the City.

The Stock Exchange charges for the real-time prices but provides a number of companies with free access to the same information with a 20minute delay.

The private investment market is growing fast and with growing numbers of sites offering financial information and access to brokers, share dealing is no longer the preserve of City

types. All you need now is a computer with a modem. During this week's market turbulence, many of Britain's 17 million shareholders took the fast track on the informa-

tion superhighway. One of the leading cyber investment companies, ESI (electronic share information). saw trading volumes increase 100 per cent at the beginning of the week and the number of people accessing the site rose to 300,000 a day compared with a normal flow of 200,000. The rate of subscription to the site also rose by 67 per cent.

Julian Costley, chief executive of ESI, said: "In times of crisis people turn to information services. The Internet is already established as a professional source. People now regard it as a viable alternative to the main information services."

For those who register, ESI prices with a 20-minute delay. Up-to-the-minute market information costs £20 a month. Both services include the overall value of the FTSE 100 and AFX news headlines.

ESI's closest competitor, Infotrade, saw three times more traffic this week. Karen

Nicholls, marketing manager for Infotrade, believes it is the realiability and immediacy of the Internet which has attracted so many private investors to the service. "People just want to do a deal online and not have to wait for the phones to be answered when everybody else is trying to do the same thing," she said. "By using the Internet you know it's going to get done. It's just more convenient, and with the real-time links you can really watch what is going on."

oth these services offer users access to Busers acceptance of the largest in execution-only share dealer in the UK. Online trading on Sharelink increased 20 per cent this week.

Yahoo!, the Internet company, launched a free stock market news and data service on Monday. The timing could not have been better. Iain Osborne, marketing director for Yahoo! Europe, said: "Launching it at that time has created so much interest it has exceeded our expectations. A natural disaster blew some wind into our sails."

The service, providing stock market quotes with a 20news from Reuters and the Press Association, is free and there is no need to register: Other features include exchange rates, precious metal prices, company profiles and share prices from the Paris and Frankfurt markets. There is also a direct link to its service in the US, which combines New York Stock Exchange with a broking ser-

There are no links with stockbrokers in this country but Yahoo! is expected to launch an online broking service next year.

For access to other services look up Moneyworld, Information on the London market may run with a 20-minute delay here, but this site includes a directory of links to personal finance websites. The site has its own search engine and allows you to search for pensions, life funds and shares by past performance.

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Leave it to the Aunt Agathas

hen I started in this business a couple of decades ago, we had a pretty good picture of the private shareholder. A high net-worth individual, aithough the term had not yet been invented, and a sophisticated inv-estor with a portfolio of shares that he or she kept a close eye on. Aunt Agathas,

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we used to call them, and the term stuck. Privatisation changed all that, introducing millions of less-well-off punters ess awareness of the businesses in which they were tempted to invest by means of built-in discounts. The number of individual shareholders trebled between 1980 and last year, according to the Weinberg report on private share ownership, to 9.5 million - more redblooded capitalist investors than there

(Incidentally, one effect of the arrival of millions of people who wanted to know how their investments were doing and, by extension, what else was happ-ening in the City was a transformation of financial journalism. The City pages two decades ago were greyer, drabber affairs, almost entirely factual and assunning a high level of knowledge on the part of their readers).

The past year has seen an equal sea change, the arrival of millions more investors, many even more unsophisticated than their predecessors - homeowners with mortgages, people with a few bob in building society accounts or with insurance policies. They woke up one day and discovered they, too, were red-blooded capitalists.

Then came last week and the Asian flu that came out of Hong Kong and swept world financial markets. It is hard to say how many of those new investors sold in the months before this turmoil - about a third is an educated guess. It is impossible to know, yet, how many more were scared by the headlines since into making a quick exit, even though

ucts more competitive. We

have to balance offering com-

petitive rates with bringing in

noney cost-effectively for the

There have been three bank

base rate changes since June 6

this year, and it is only now that National Savings has

responded. The most recent

change was on August 8, and

in total the rate has increased

by 0.5 per cent to 7 per cent.

The average residential mort-

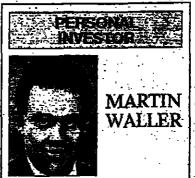
gage rate is 8.45 per cent,

according to the Halifax

National Savings is increas-

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there was a scramble by private investors for the low-cost telephone dealing services at the start of the week.

So there are many millions of passive investors out there with shares they did not ask for that have been rocking up and down with the markets for reasons that, without wishing to sound patronising, I would suggest many of them only dimly understand. It was a criticism of privatisations that, rather than deepening share ownership, it merely widened creating millions of small investors with a couple of hundred shares apiece in a handful of companies.

How much truer this is of the wave of mutualisations. Most of these new "investments" - which are, of course. nothing of the kind — have gained in value since they arrived on the stock market. Those earlier gains were not wiped out last week. Put it another way investors may not have deliberately gone out and bought the shares, but they are still showing a profit on the day they were handed them.

Most commentators are suggesting that these shareholders should stay in. I would take a contrary view. No one can predict stock market conditions going forward, but some months of extreme turbulence are probably the best we can hope for it was financial shares, along with the pharmaceuticals, that led the stock market to the heights of euphoria that preceded this week's traumas. If the market is indeed heading for a difficult period, it is hard to see why they, of all sectors, should return to favour.

There is a temptation, entirely human, to look at the peak price your shares reached and to regard any current shortfall to this as a "loss". Had you sold then, you would have got £1,200; your shares are now worth El,100, so you have lost £100. This is a fallacy. Stock market professionals do not expect to exit investments with the maximum profit possible, but at an acceptable profit. They even have a saying: "Leave something in there for the next man."

am not suggesting all of those millions of windfall winners should sell on Monday. But I would ask those who saw the value of their only investment ride up and down like a dingy in a storm last week whether they enjoyed the experience. Individual cases differ. Anyone who has credit card or bank debt should use their windfall gains to clear this immediately, as the probable gains on their shares are unlikely to cancel out interest charges. Those who want to continue as investors and maintain some contact with the stock market should consider a nice. safe unit trust.

But others should ask themselves which they would enjoy more — a few more months of uncertainty, such as we all suffered last week, or a new car, or that holiday you have always promised yourself? The shares were a free gift. You are not a willing punter. Should you really be a punter at all?

It might seem strange for a writer in these pages to argue against more widespread share ownership. But you , can have too much of a good thing.

Tational Savings. which had faced criti-**National Savings** cism for failing to raise interest rates for savers bows to pressure despite three base rate increases since June, took the decision this week to put up its to improve rates rates on a range of products. A spokeswoman said: "We decided to make some prod-

> annum for sums of £20,000. Income Bond rates will increase by 0.25 per cent from December 12. From then amounts under £25,000 will earn 6.75 per cent and amounts over £25,000 will

> earn 7 per cent. From November 14, the top three investment tiers for the Investment Account (a onemonth notice deposit account will increase by up to 0.25 per cent. The full range of rates will be 4.75 per cent per annum for amounts between £1 and £499; then 5.25 per cent per annum for £500 to £2,499. After that the rates increase to

5.5 per cent per annum for

then 5.75 per cent per annum for £10,000 to £24,999 and finally 6 per cent per annum for £25,000 and above.

For the Treasurers' Account (a deposit account for nonprofit-making organisations), the rates will increase by 0.25 per cent from November 14. and amounts of £10,000 to £24,999 will earn 5.75 per cent £25,000 to £99,999 will earn 6 per cent per annum and £100,000 plus will care 6.25.

"The increases reflect move ments in shorter-term market rates and will give good returns for customers while still providing cost-effective cing for the Govern-

A National Savings spokes-woman added: "The longerterm money market rates are not moving at the moment so we cannot put up the rates on our five-year products." Interest rates on other Nat

ional Savings products remain unchanged.

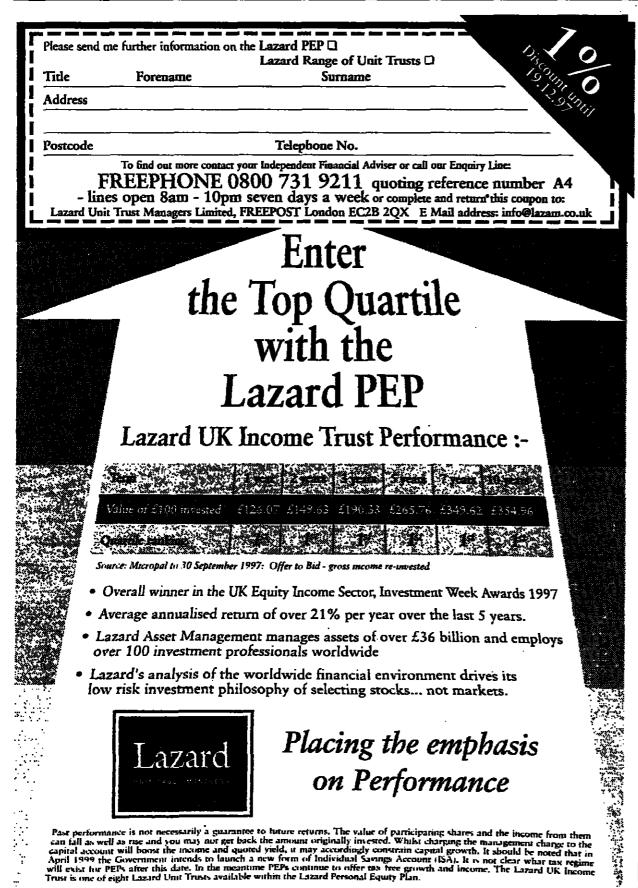
Despite claims by National Savings that it is responding to competition, many building societies, banks and insurance companies have been offering better rates.

For example, Moneyfacts, the money information service, says the best interest rate currently available on an instant access account is 7.09 per cent on balances of £2,500, from Abbey National, and 7.6 per cent per annum.

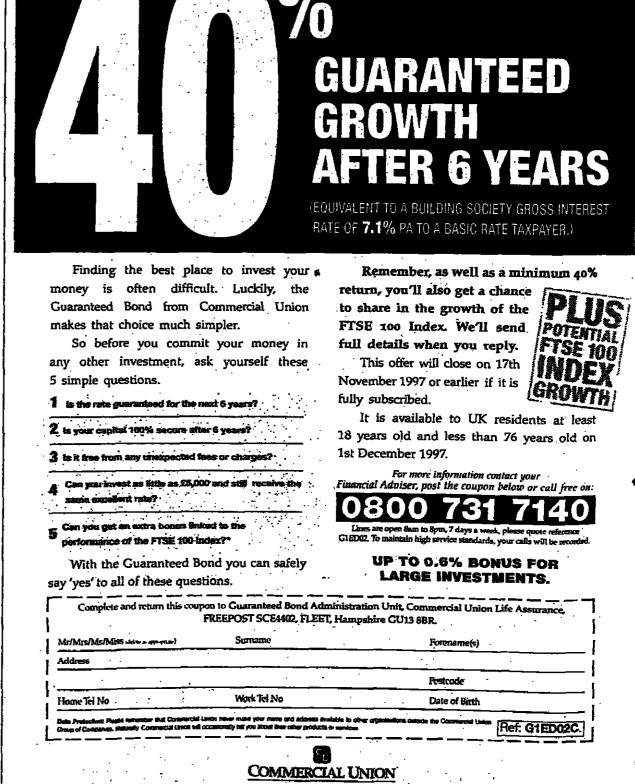
per cent on Legal & General
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Savings chief executive, said: "for balances of £5,000 plus.

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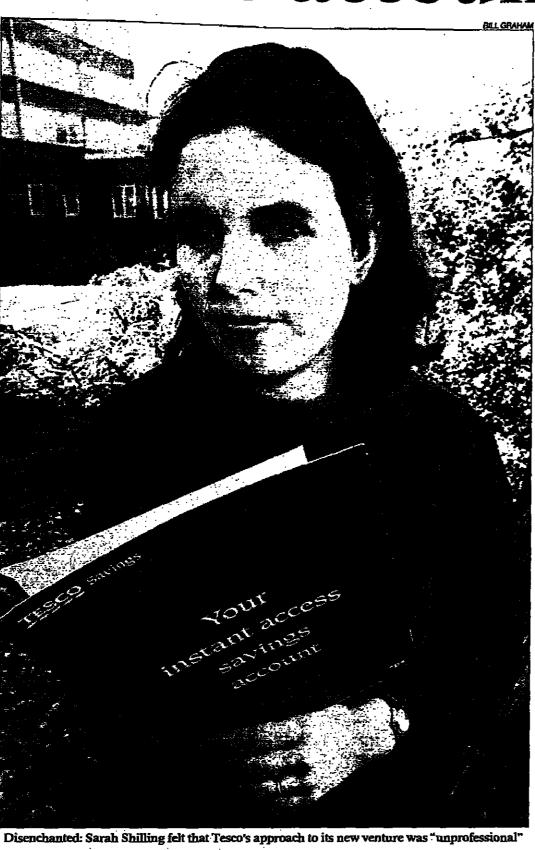


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Supermarket chāin caught out by demand from savers, says John Givens

Tesco accounts fiasco



upermarket giant Tesco has admitted it was ili-prepared admitted it was uny comlucrative savings account market after a flood of complaints from angry investors that their applications to open accounts have been delayed by up to three weeks.

Tesco fullowed arch rival Sainsbury into the savings market on September 22, when it launched its flagship Instant Savings Account, paying gross annual interest of 6.5 per cent. But the company has been forced to admit that it could not cope with the 150,000 applications received in the first four weeks and has had to take on 400 staff to sort out the backlog and deal with savers who have been lamming telephone lines to find cut what has happened to their money.

Peter Martin, customer services director for Tesco Personal Finance, said expectations for the new accounts were nearer to the 100,000 received by Sainsbury's Bank in the eight weeks after launching its Instant Access Savings Account in February. How-ever, with requests for the Tesco account coming in at the rate of nearly 40,000 a week, thousands of disgruntled customers have been left to wait amiously to see if their

applications have been received. Tesco has now climbed down over the incident and says it will pay interest from the date cheques arrived at its service centre rather than the day the money was credited to the account.

Sarah Shilling is one of a number of fed-up savers who has written to The Times to complain about Tesco's handling of the situation. The 25-year-old student teacher from Sevenoaks, Kent, is furious with the service she has received from Tesco since sending off a cheque for £500 on October 6.

She said: "After not hearing anything for a while I decided to contact them and see what was going on. I rang the Tesco banking helpline on a Saturday but the only person available to speak to me was on the emergency line for reporting lost and stolen credit cards, which makes a mockery of its 24-hour

banking claim.
"I rang again on October 16 but even then nobody could confirm if my cheque had been received. So I wrote on October 23, asking for my money back and pointing out how badly organised the whole thing seemed to be and got a letter back a few days later saying they were looking into my situation."

Sarah believes that the super-

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properly for the launch of its first savings account. "I'm not happy about the service I ve received at all, and even when I got Tesco to respond to my letter they spelt my name wrong," she said. "Even now I still can't access my money and nobody seems to want to talk to me about it. I think they should have been geared up better to cope with the response, and the impression I get is that it is not a very

professional outfit. "My husband Andrew was going to open a Tesco Instant Savings Account but after seeing how my application has been handled he's decided against it."

Mr Martin is keen to assure investors that the problems have been sorted out. He said: "We put in some bullish forecasts about the number of accounts we expected to he opened but we didn't envisage such a tremendous response. We've taken on extra staff and upped our ability to answer telephone inquiries by 50 per cent, so we are now fully resourced and the backlog has been cleared."

r Martin added that any one who has had to pay **IV** to stop their cheque because of the lengthy delay in their application being acknowledged resulted in them thinking it was lost in the post should get in touch with Tesco. He said: "If people have incurred costs they should let us know about it because we want to make sure we have not caused them a loss. We are a group of people committed to serving the customer and doing the right thing for them."

Since its launch in February, Sainsbury's Bank has opened up more than half a million customer accounts and taken more than El billion in deposits.

A spokesman said that the response to the first products that were offered, which included an instant access savings account, was "massively ahead of expectations".

In the first eight weeks it attracted more than 100,000 customers, or around 10,000 a week. Sainsbury said there had been no problems dealing with large demand, how-ever, because the bank services had had a phased rollout, although extra staff have been taken on since to deal with applications.

Currently new customers are being signed up at a rate of 12,000 a week and Sainsbury says generally applications take one to two weeks

Stockmarket falls may mean good



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ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance

FSA under pressure for show of strength

A mid the tumultuous events of the week most investors have shown admirable sang froid. Those who saw the value of their investment and unit trusts sliding felt a shiver but refused to panic. They left the histrionics to the method actors of the world's dealing rooms, whose true stock-intrade is the look of utter despair.

There appears to be a new acceptance that the vagaries of markets can damage your wealth but that, over time, this will be repaired. However, people would not be so sanguine if they felt that their savings were not properly protected from other dangers, such as fraud, maladministration and rapacious

The responsibility for safeguarding our money from these and other evils will soon belong entirely to the Financial Services Authority, the new regulator (see page 54). But at present, it is hard to see how this latest watchdog can fulfil these duties competently within its proposed structure.

The FSA aspires to remedy the many shortcomings of the bodies that it is replacing. Although a complex system of financial regulation has been in place for close to a decade, it has served consumers badly, adding to bureaucracy but often failing to ensure that they get suitable pensions and investments. But the new

watchdog merely promises to be larger, not necessarily flercer.

In its mission statement, the FSA says that it wishes to promote public understanding of the benefits and risks of financial products". It also wants investments to be made more comprehensible to the financially unsophisticated.

However, in the pursuit of these laudable aims, it seems sure to encounter the same obstacles that blocked the path of its predecessor watchdogs. Banks, building societies, fund management groups and insurance companies, the organisations that will fund the FSA have a vested interest in obfuscation. Although they may pay lip service to the desirability of plain English, they know that, in practice, hiding the pitfalls in convoluted small print eases the sales process. Would they also be willing to pay for a consumer education programme which, if properly carried out, would make people infinitely sceptical about certain aspects of the financial services industry?

If the FSA is to be successful, ministers must give the new

organisation sufficient teeth to bare at powerful businesses whose first instinct is to sell, regardless of the interests of the consumer. Investors may be prepared to be phlegmatic about the vagaries of the markets. But they will not be so insouciant about a vapid investor protection body.

National Savings relief

THE timing of the rise in National Savings rates bears closer inspection. The organisation now takes little heed of rises in savings rates at its competitors, because its returns are linked to yields on government gilt-edged stocks. It is certainly true that yields on short-dated stocks are higher than previously.

But does it not still seem curious that the usually slow-moving National Savings has decided to act in a week of stock market turmoil, when many will be looking for an absolutely secure home for their money? After all, the unique selling proposition of National Savings is the cast-iron guarantee that you cannot lose a penny. Some will wonder at the motive for National Savings moving its rates now. But most of its many millions of customers will just feel relieved that their returns are finally bearing some comparison to rates elsewhere.

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elf-employed IT Consultant Andrew Bunn, 30. from Loddon. Norfolk, turned to Personal Equity Plans when looking for a flexible and easy way to supplement his pension, in order to achieve bis goal of an early

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nvestment product specialist from Norwich Union Portfolio trusts which usually invest in Services, "For those who have been cautious about investing in equities, now could be the time you have been walting for. "The key may be to act before complete recovery sets in. Looking back at the 1987 crash, most major stockmarkets and recovered to their pre-crash evels in only a couple of years. If you can get in near the bottom, you can enhance

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John Norton explains. The more diversified an equity portfolio is the less will be the impact of a single share. This is a basic principle of equity unit holding and 2p per company at least 50 companies.

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Familiarity with the stock market and knowledge of overseas the McDonalds Corporation. markets through his work as an export director meant 46 year Honda Motor Company, Nestle old James Bowles recognised a good investment opportunity Full Photo Film Company and

when Norwich Union launched its Global Tracking PEP. To mor is not recessarily a guide to the future. The performance of PEPs invested in UK equity date he describes its financial assets will be reduced from April 1999 due to the loss of a reclaimable tax credit. The value of and income from PEPs may fall and you may not get back the amount invested. assets will be required interaction 1997 and the section of the future basis and rates of the may very information and advice will only relate to Norwich Union products. performance as 'spectacular' -

> up the unique opportunity to Trust, which tracks the FTSE invest in leading overseas Actuaries, All-Share Index. The companies. "I have taken out remaining 25% is invested PEPs before this one was in its International Index launched and appreciate their Tracking Unit Trust, tracking tax-efficiency as an investment the capital performance of the vehicle. However, all my other FT/S&P Actuaries World Index investments are in the UK, and (excluding the UK). So money is what attracted me to this invested in markets all over particular PEP was the chance world including the USA. to invest some money overseas" said Mr Bowles. The more Europe and even South diversified the range of coun- America. tries invested in the lower the some International contribution

PEP invests across 2.500 performance of the PEP. companies including overseas blue chip companies such as invest my full allowance for the

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Microsoft. The PEP has very low charges, and low minimum investment amounts of £1,000 lump sum and £50 per month with a 26% increase in value regular savings. With this PEP 75% is invested

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Mr Bowles, who lives with risk is likely to be - and also it his Wife and two teenage makes it more exciting to have daughters in Wokingham, works for Britchford Export Limited as an export director. To date he The Norwich Global Tracking is delighted with the financial

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Richard Miles examines the powers of the financial services super-regulator

New watchdog is unleashed

his week saw the unleashing of a new
watchdog on the UK's
financial services industry,
although its first growis
went largely unheard amid
the turbulence on the world's
stock markets.

The Financial Services Authority will bring the supervision of banks, building societies, insurers, unit trust companies and investment advisers under one roof for the first time.

Over the next two years, the super-regulator will absorb no fewer than nine existing watchdogs and put an end to self-regulation in an industry which has been beset by financial scandals and fiascos over recent years.

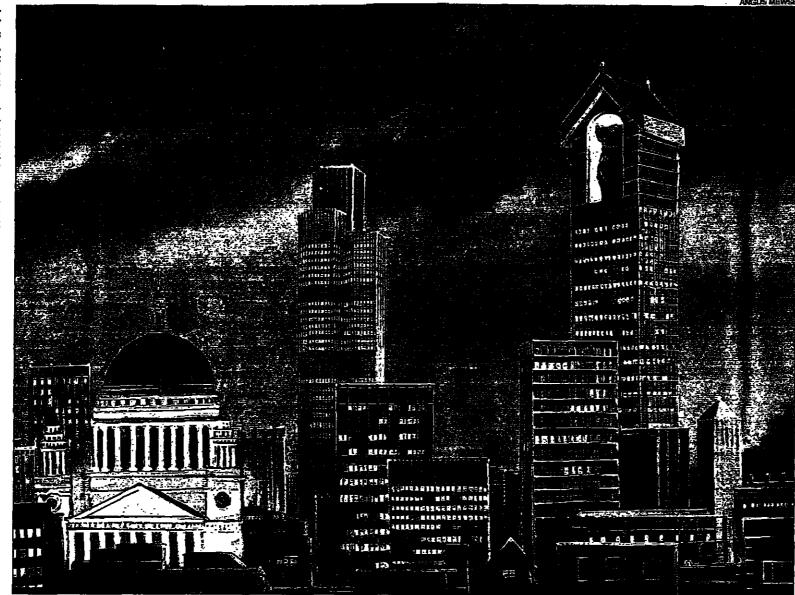
Reporting directly to the Treasury, the FSA will ultimately have the power to fine firms and disqualify individual wrong-doers from the financial services industry. However, the principle of "caveat emptor" will remain in force.

And the FSA will be responsible not only for monitoring the sales and marketing practices of its member firms, but also their financial soundness. If a company finds itself in severe distress, the superregulator will broke a merger or sale to another company so that customers are not left in the lurch

are not left in the lurch.

But there are some glaring omissions from the new policeman's beat. Mortgages, so often the subject of controversy when linked to an endowment, fall outside the FSA's scope, even though Labour, while in Opposition. pledged to regulate the sale

of mortgages.
Lloyd's of London, the international insurance market where some private investors have suffered enormous losses because of its arcane rules of unlimited liability, also remains a law unto itself. Long-term care insurance, however, will be subject to FSA monitoring.
At the official launch on Tuesday, the FSA's chair-



man, Howard Davies, formerly deputy governor of the Bank of England, said that the advent of a single superregulator would help to eliminate much of the confusion suffered by consumers at the

moment.
The alphabet soup of regulators — PIA, Imro, SFA, SIB
— will disappear and their staff will be merged to form a body with 2,000 employees. Accountants and lawyers who dabble in financial

services will also be subject to the rules of the new watchdog.

Mr Davies is also proposing a single compensation scheme for consumers who fall victim to fraud or negligence. And the plethora of ombudsmen who deal with complaints about maladministration will be whittled down to a handful of arbiters.

Sweeping aside criticism that the FSA could evolve

into a Kafkaesque bureaucracy, where investors are shunted from pillar to post, Mr Davies said the creation of a consumer panel would ensure that the public's view is always taken into account in policy formulation.

He said: "The concept of a single regulator is an idea whose time has come. It will be possible, within such a framework, to achieve significant improvements in operating efficiencies, in

consumer responsiveness, and in sensitivity to the

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But little of this will happen before the end of the millennium. That is the time needed to pass the enabling legislation, giving the warchdog the teeth it needs to regulate properly. Banks will move over first, followed by insurers in 1999.

etails of the reforms have yet to be worked out, such as whether compensation payments will be subject to the £48,000 limit imposed by the Investors Compensation Scheme, the safety net for customers of independent financial advisers.

inancial advisers.

Nor has it been decided whether the licensing of

individuals will be extended to all fields. At the moment, life insurance salesmen, fund managers and brokers must register with their rele-

vant regulator.

What is clear is that there will be different standards of protection for consumers and the wholesale markets. For retail investors, the FSA intends to implement highly prescriptive rules because these buyers are most in need of protection from regue salesmen. By contrast, the professionals in the money markets will be subject to a lighter touch.

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In the meantime, consumers are stuck with the existing watchdogs, some of which definitely lack bite.

But will the FSA have any

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Shop around to find the best term assurance

nst people do not think about buying term assurance until they come to arrange a mortgage, and although it is a simple product rates vary widely. Here Weekend Money looks at how to choose the best policy.

What exactly is term assurance?

A It is a form of insurance that pays out a specific sum on the event of your death. Pure term assurance does not involve any element of investment, it-simply provides a lump sum to pay off your mortgage and other expenses.

Do I need to buy it even if I am single?

Most mortgage lenders insist on it, even if you are living alone in your own home. It is essential if you do have dependents (including your spouse) because they may be unable to continue with mortgage payments after your death.

What is the difference between term assurance and other life

A insurance companies also sell "whole of life policies" which combine the concept of term assurance with an investment element. A proportion of the monthly premium goes towards the insurance cover and the rest is invested. These are designed to pay a lump sum towards the end of your life. They are more expensive than simple term assurance. Ian Milward, of Chase de Vere, the independent financial adviser, said: "My advice is to keep the two things separate. If you want an investment product buy one, but do not link it to

How do I work out how much cover I really need?

term assurance."

Ar Milward suggests a sum equivalent to ten times your annual income. "You do not necessarily have to arrange cover for the full sum if you are in full-time employment," he said. "If you have an occupational pension from your employer you will also receive death-in-service benefits of three or four times your annual salary. If your annual income was £10,000 and the sum you needed to insure was £100,000, then on a basis of receiving £40,000 from your employer on your death, the sum for which you should arrange term assurance would be £60,000, plus the value of your outstanding mortgage debt."

Is there an alternative?

Not really, because it would take a long time to build up an equivalent fund of £100,000 via a savings scheme.

How do I buy some term assurance?

You can shop around yourself or buy through a broker. If you do sort our cover yourself some of the money advice magazines include tables of the cost of cover per £1.000 insured, depending on age, sex and whether or not you smoke. You may have to undergo a medical examination. Independent financial advisers will shop around for the best policy and the companies pay them commission if they recommend the product to you.

Are there any penalties if I cancel the policy or swap providers?

No, according to Time Cockerill, an independent financial adviser with Whitechurch Securities of Bristol. "However, if you start a ten-year policy and then go to another provider a few years later, you may find it is more expensive because you are a few years older and the premiums have risen."

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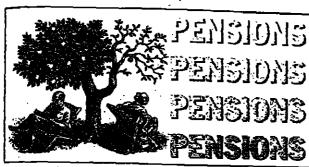
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Helen Pridham explains that widowers may not always have pension rights in the state scheme

Widowers face pensions sex discrimination



wife's income plays an important part in many household budgets today. In an increasing number ases, she may become the main or only income earner. So if she dies, any pension she has built up could prove equally vital to her family. Yet widowers can still find

they get little or no benefit from wives pension contributions. The state pension scheme is one of the worst offenders in this respect. Although men and women contribute in equal amounts to the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps) a widower will not receive any benefit from his wife's contributions if he is under pension age

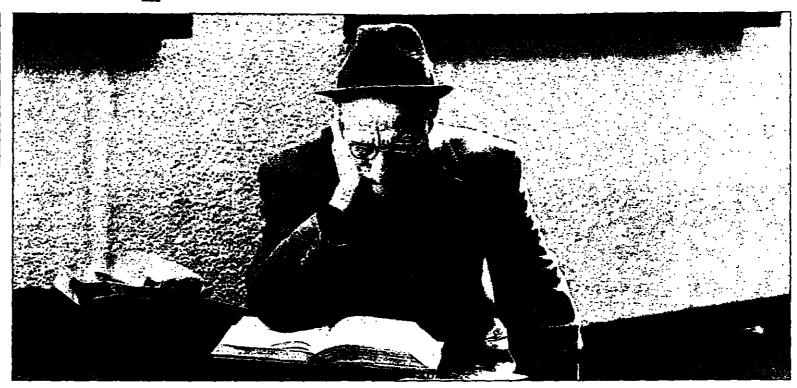
In contrast, widows below retirement age are often eligible for both a basic widow's pension plus all or part of their husband's Serps pension. They qualify for these benefits if they are aged over 45 or are under 45 with dependent children. The

pend when their husband dies. If he dies before 2000, they get his full Serps pension. If he dies later, they receive 50 per cent.

A widower will inherit his wife's Serps pension only if he is over state pension age when she dies. This benefit, which amounts to 50 per cent of her entitlement, was introduced in April 1988, and despite the fact that employees started paying into Serps in 1978 it applies only

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is not happy with this situation. An EOC spokesman said: "There are a variety of exemptions and anomolies in the sex discrimination legislation, and the un-equal treatment of widowers below pension age is one which we are campaigning to change. Pensions and retirement is an area we are very much concerned with at the moment." A possible way round the

problem in theory is for a woman to join a "contracted out" company pension scheme



personal pension. Both of these pensions can provide widowers' benefits where Serps cannot.

However, there may be other good reasons why a personal pension may may not be as beneficial as Serps. For example, if a woman is already in her forties or has a low income. The case of "appropriate" personal pensions funded by plained by Lyn Webb of Legal & General. She said: "Where a nerson is survived by a 'protected widow or widower a 50 per cent spouse's pension is providsomeone either over 45 or under 45 with dependent children. Unlike state benefits, no distinction is made on sex grounds."

Where voluntary contribu-

personal pension, the full value of the pension fund will normally be paid into a person's estate as a lump sum when death occurs before retirement, or it will go directly to the beneficiaries if the policy has been left in trust. When death occurs after retirement, benefits to widows or widowers will depend on the type of annuity purchased.

will reduce his pension by about 14 per cent because she Bureau says: "People with personal pensions decide when they buy an annuity what level of benefits are to be paid to their pension can continue at 100 per no reduction as she is more likely to outlive her husband." cent or cease altogether.

Typically a man will buy an annuity which will provide a pension of 50 per cent for his tions should they die before or after retirement. All schemes must give equal widows' and

According to the latest National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) survey, most final-salary schemes pay a spouse's pension which is 50 per cent of the member's entitlement. This also includes the part of the pension provided to match the benefits they would have received from Serps.

Money-purchase company schemes work somewhat differently although they do no: On death before retirement, a spouse will often receive a pension based on the value of the member's pension account. After retirement, the member may well be given the same choice of annuities as a personal pension plan holder.

Not all pension schemes have always been so equality minded. The requirement aruse after several cases came before the European Court, including the Barber judgment. All pensionable service after May 1990 was affected. This does mean, of course, that where a pension scheme did not provide for widowers prior to that date, the benefits a widower would receive today might be less than those payable to a widow whose husband included service prior to May 1990. If a wife's service ended before that date, her widower may also lose out

Windfallers warned of a soaking

New investors are targeted

by unit trust Pep

providers to cut

their costs, says

Susan Emmett

nly a month after the last building society was floated, investors who transferred their windfalls into personal equity plans are being encouraged to sell their shares and place their money in unit trusts.

Fidelity, one of the main investment fund management groups, is warning investors spreading the message that it is wise to diversify.

However, Pep providers do have their own agenda: it is expensive and an extra administrative burden for them to hold small blocks of shares and collect dividends for investors. They would much prefer investors to buy units in heir managed trusts.

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Many investors who pepped shares for protection are being encouraged to move to unit trusts

vealed that many are financially unsophisticated. Findings show that 40 per cent of investors who pepped their shares with the company are unlikely to have any previous experience of Peps and may have misconceptions of the

nature of their windfall Peps. About 15 million people received windfall shares, For many of these former building society account holders, this will be their first step into

> Richard Wastcoat, director of retail marketing at Fidelity Investments said: Our research shows that there is a worrying lack of understanding of the nature of shares. Many believe, for example, that windfall shares and the performance of these shares are 'managed' because they are held in a Pep."

A total of 15 per cent of Fidelity's windfall Pep investors have already made an additional investment on top of their windfall shares or switched to a managed fund. Only 2 per cent sold their

Mark Bolland, technical director for financial advisers Chamberlain de Broe believes many windfall share holders may not fully understand the nature of their investment.

"Peps are not suitable for everyone and the management costs often outweigh the benefits of receiving divi-dends tax-free," he said. "This is particularly true for non

Keith Civval, managing di-rector of Save & Prosper Direct, another company which attracted shareholders, said investors do understand Peps.

"I don't see any evidence that they think this is a magic wand," he said. "I believe Pep investors are more sophisticated than they are given credit for, Most of the material sent out by de-mutualising

helping people to sell their shares or hold them in services designed by the building society. In order to put their money in Peps they had to do their own research.

As well as Fidelity and Save & Prosper other companies which allowed windfall shares in their general Peps include Henderson Investors, Invesco, John Govett, John-son Fry, M&G, Mercury, Perpetual and Skandia.

There was no charge for

transferring windfall shares to these providers and windfall shares did not count towards the £6,000 a year Pep allowance. With the exception of Fidelity, all these investment companies charge for holding these shares in a Pep. Fidelity is making no charge until April 1999 and will then charge £15 if no further investment has been

Other investment companies are also encouraging windfall shareholders to exand and diversify their portfolio. A "significant number of people who pepped their windfalls with Save & Prosper are now buying the company's unit trusts and Perpetual is advising investors to add to their windfall shares.

Roger Cornick, deputy chairman of Perpetual said: 'We are advising investors to balance their portfolio, not by selling their shares but by making maximum use of their Pep entitlement by adding to their shares.

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aking a success of your new business will be your number ployed person, but trying to get a lender to give you a mortgage to buy a house will run it a close second.

The bad news is that if you work for yourself the odds against being granted a mortgage lengthen considerably. particularly if you have been self-employed for only a short

that more and more lenders are realising that with an estimated 3.5 million Britons working for themselves there is a huge mortgage market still waiting to be tapped, and the more innovative among the banks and building societies are trying their best to take the hassle out of home loans for the self-employed.

If you want to borrow less than 75 per cent of the value of a house it is probable you will be classed as a non-status buyer and, because you are putting in a sizeable deposit, your route to a mortgage should be straightforward.

However, if you need to borrow more than this, trying to get a mortgage can be a long and frustrating process, especially if you know that you can genuinely afford the monthly repayments

Traditionally, mortgage lenders demand three years' accounts before they will consider an application from a self-employed person, which leaves anybody with less than 36-months' trading experience technically high and dry. But while these lenders still exist, a growing number are becom-

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John Givens explains how to

keep cautious lenders from rushing for the panic button

ing self-employed friendly and look sympathetically at

The secret is finding a mortgage lender who will make life as easy as possible because starting off with a bank or building society which still adopts draconian policies will cost you valuable time and money, and possibly the home you had set your heart on.

Banks and building societies adopt strict lending rules and want to be sure that borrowers have the ability to repay the loan, with interest. Because the self-employed do not have regular monthly salaries going into their bank account, the lenders get neryous and look very closely at applications from people who work for themselves.

A handful of lenders will be happy to accept two years' accounts as a starting point for a self-employed mortgage application. Among these is the Chelsea Building Society, which tries to adopt a more flexible approach than some of

the bigger high street outlets.

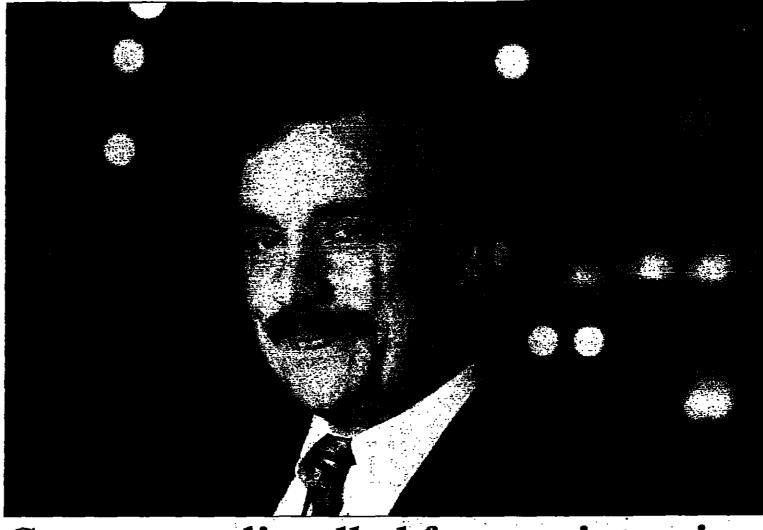
David Metcalfe, mortgage processing and telemarketing controller with the Chelten ham-based society, says that everybody is assessed individually. He said: "We look at each

case on its merits but, although we try to be flexible, there are certain things we need to be satisfied of before offering a mortgage.

Proof of income and stability of profits are important. In some cases, if properly prepared accounts are not available, we will accept verifiable self-assessment forms which the Inland Revenue has indicated it is happy with to give an indication of a self-emploved person's income." However, people going it alone, particularly those new

to self-employment, can be their own worst enemy when it comes to applying for a This is because of the myri-

ad of allowances the selfemployed can claim against tax, which often result in the end-of-year accounts showing



Contractor dispelled fears at interview

puter analyst, found getting a mortgage was easier than he thought, although he has one black spot on his credit record (John Givens writes).

The 43-year-old contractor, currently on assignment with Prudential in London, managed to persuade Bristol & West to give him a £90,000 loan towards a £125,000 five-bedroomed

Edwardian terraced house in the Westbury Park district of Bristol in. March last year.

Although he was able to produce the mandatory three years' accounts. he also had to explain how he came to have a £3,400 county court judgment registered against him. After Bristol West was satisfied with his response it offered the father of four

the mortgage for the home of their

Ian, who accepted a two-year fixedrate deal at 4.99 per cent, said: "Although I could show them three years' accounts I felt the interview Bristol & West gave me was as important to the process as anything else. It gave me the chance to explain

that the CCJ I incurred was because of a dispute with a firm of accountants that I took to court after they made a number of mistakes.

The whole process took about two months, and because we held savings with Bristol & West it was the only lender we considered going to for a mortgage, and the fixed-rate deal was one of the best on the market."

relatively small profits, which disguise the applicant's true level of annual earnings and leads to the lender rejecting the loan on the grounds of lack

The self-employed might even find getting an offer accepted on a house difficult because many sellers are aware of the problems people who work for themselves can

manager for CJ Hole, an

estate agent based in the

have getting a mortgage. Howard Davis, Bristol area

South, says vendors are often reluctant to consider their house sold if an offer comes from a self-employed person. He said: "Self-employed people with less than three years' accounts are really up against it

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"About 15 per cent of those buying from our branches work for themselves, and when they make an offer on the property they are immediately referred to our financial services team to see if they meet the criteria for mortgage

"It is then up to the vendor as to whether we continue to market the property; and I would say that nine times out

of ten the seller will ask us to

keep going until it is clear that the buyer has a mortgage in place and can proceed. Self-employed people who struggle to find a company

facilities could turn to one of the growing number of lenders who realise that life doesn't always run in textbook ensington Mortgage Company, of London,

that will offer them mortgage

has established a reputation since it was founded in October 1995 as a lender who will look at mortgage applica-tions which fall outside of the normal lending criteria of banks and building societies.

Around half of its customers are people who have suffered

financial difficulties in the past but have managed to drag themselves back onto their feet, while a large proportion of the rest are self-employed workers who cannot find a sympathetic ear elsewhere. The company will take ap-

plications from self-employed people who have been trading for a minimum of one year and one day and offers loans of up to 90 per cent of the value of a residential property for new purchases and 80 per cent for remortgages, for periods of up to 25 years. Because it deals with cases

where the risk of default is judged to be higher than average, the mortgages charge interest well above the normal standard variable rate, which is currently 8.45 per cent. Interest is linked to the

London Inter Bank Offer Rate (Libor), a variable index currently standing at 7.35 per ton Mortgage Company's assessment of the risk involved, it will offer terms at between 3 per cent and 5 per cent above this rate.

However, on the plus side of the cost equation, the company does not charge a mortgage. indemnity guarantee premium, which most lenders levy on funds loaned above 75 per cent of the value of a property and normally calculated at between 6 per cent and 8 per cent of the amount involved.

What's more, the redemption penalties are considerably less than at many of the major high street lenders, with a one-off penalty of three months' interest being paid if the mortgage is repaid within three years of it being taken

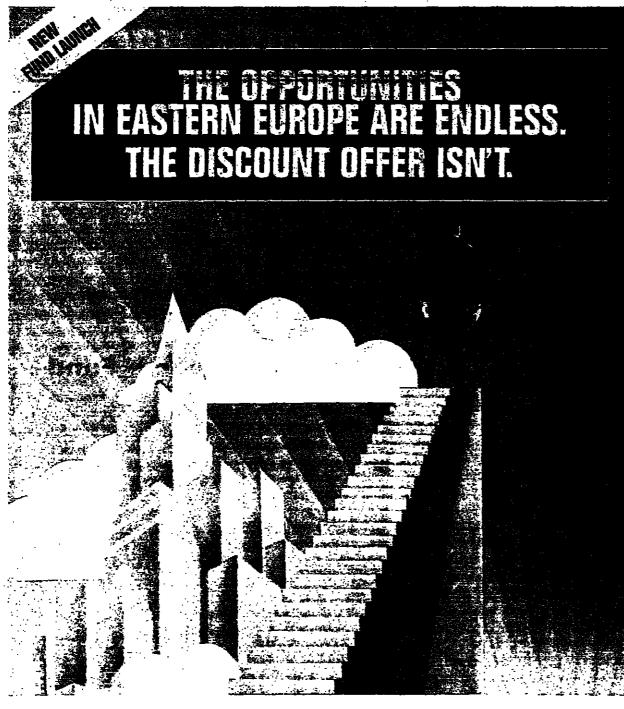
Chris French, chief executive of Kensington Mortgage Company, which has taken on 6,500 mortgages worth more than £350 million in the past two years, says customers appreciate his company's apoach to their requirements: People like to be treated as individuals, and we try to take a more up-to-date view of what

is happening in an individ-

-ual's-life than some of the

traditional lenders," he said. "If we have a self-employed person without accounts, we view on where income is coming from and look at the overall ability of the person to

epay the mortgage. Although Kensington Mortgage Company's home loan portfolio is only two years old, figures suggest that it has got its risk assessment right, with the number of repossessions still in single figures.



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All aboard for Toytown

s an older generation A passes on its children's books and toys, many parents and grandparents do not realise that they may be giving away a valuable investment that had been gathering dust in the attic for years.

The most expensive 20thcentury author at auction is not James Joyce or Ezra Pound but Beatrix Potter. A first edition, second issue of Peter Rabbit, which was privately printed, has jumped in price from £600-£700 ten years ago to £5,000-£6,000, while the first issue can command four times this sum.

Potter's The Fairy Caravan published in 1929, will be offered by Bonhams, the London auctioneer, on December 16 at an estimated £2,750-£3,250. This is the English first edition, although the book was

first published in America. The artwork for Potter's books is much sought-after. An early drawing from around 1893 of a rabbit stepping into snow with an umbrella and basket is expected to make £10,000-£15,000 at the same sale, up from £6,000-£8,000 just five years ago, according to Mike Heseltine,

Bonhams' specialist. Images of a fantasy world have formed a rich thread in British art since the early 19th century — from the visions of William Blake and Puseli to the vivid, dream-like scenes of the Pre-Raphaelites and Victorian fairy painters. They were followed by the great illustrative watercolourists Rackham and Dulac.

The childhood hero, Noddy, is only now appearing at auction. Created by Enid Blyton, he was brought to life through the illustrations of Harmsen Van Der Beek, a Dutch artist introduced to Blyton in 1949.

On Wednesday a collection of the original artwork was offered by Sotheby's from Trocadero plc, the leisure and entertainment group that now owns The Enid Blyton Company.

The characters from Toytown - ranging from Mr Toytown — ranging non-Plod the policeman to Big-Ears and Silkie the Pixie have helped to sell more than 200 million books in more



This Van Der Beek Noddy watercolour fetched £2,300 gross at Sotheby's on Wednesday

than 20 languages. The watercolours greatly exceeded pre-sale estimates with many going for between £950 and £1,700, and more than 95 per cent of the lots were sold. Yet, while this is Blyton's

centenary year, the print run of each edition has been so large that, to date, the individual books have not commanded auction room attention.

The key factors for the appreciating value of a children's book are condition, first edition, together with the dust. jacket and, if possible, a dedication from the author. AA Milne's Winnie the

Pooh, from 1924-28, is a good example of the value in retaining the dustjacket. A first edition set of the four books makes £800-E1,000 but rises to £5,000-£6,000 with jackets, according to Catherine Porter at Sotheby's. This would be where the book has been signed by both the author and the illustrator, E.H. Shepard. J.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit

from 1937 and Lord of the Rings from 1954-55, both make around £500 without their jackets but rise to £1,500-

£2,500 with covers, up by one third in the last eight years. However, Nicholas Worskett at Christie's South Kensington says that there are well-made copies of jackets circulating and therefore specialist dealers and auctioneers need to be consulted.

Arthur Rackham's wonderful illustrations for Peter Pan meant a signed limited edition of the book sold for £600 to £300 five years ago but now realises £1,000-£1,500 in its cream vellum binding. Do not confuse this with the coloured doth-covered trade edition. which is valued at £200 to

Similarly there is good demand for Rackham's illustrated Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen where a first edition now makes £600-£800, up from £400-£500 five years ago, but the trade edition is £150-£200. Take care with Rackham's artwork as it is frequently

Original work does pop up in surprising places. Bonhams next month will be selling an E.H. Shepard sketch of Eeyore, which was won in a school raffle in the mid-1980s. The character is drawn in three images: approaching his stick home, standing on his head, and looking round at his tail. Five years ago it would have realised £200-£300 but should now make £500-£750.

If Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels appeals, the original drawings by Rex Whistler for a limited edition, published in 1930, considered the artist's finest book work, came under Sotheby's hammer on Thursday. The 26 highly detailed ink drawings and maps were estimated at £50,000-£70,000.

Ida Rentoul Outhwaite is tipped by several dealers. She is an Australian illustrator of fairies. Work that would grace any nursery has risen from £150-£200 five years ago to £250-£350 today.

Kate Greenaway's exquisite watercolours from the Victorian era are also sought-after. An 1876 study of a procession of 16 children carrying flowers was worth £3,000-£4,000 in 1990 and now commands £7,000.

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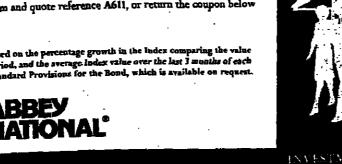
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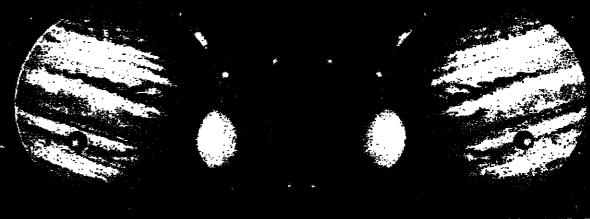
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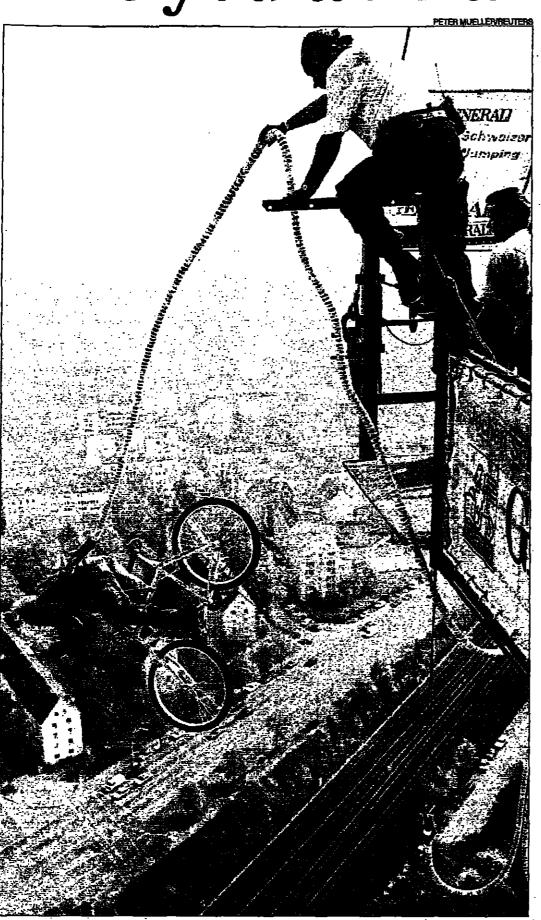


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Are you a financial bungee jumper?



arket volatility, global meltdown, dead-cat bounces - we have had the lot this week or at least talk of them. With the focus switching between turmoil in Asian markets to plunges on Wall Street, small instors in the UK can be forgiven for feeling rather confused about

what they should be doing.
Should they jump off like a financial bungee jumper and hope the elasticity of the stock market's lower prices will pull them back up or just walk away like those who have no stomach for dangerous sports such as stock market investment? Do the lower share prices mean that it is a good opportunity to jump on board? This week we k at what has been happening and what the market experts are advising the private investor.

How serious have the stock market fails been?

Falls of several hundred Falls or several numerous points in a day on the FTSE 100, the index of leading companion to the index of leading companion to the index of leading companion to the index of leading to the index of ies, not surprisingly rattled investors who until recently were enjoying the fruits of stock market rises.

But before any small investors consider bailing out, it is worth putting the recent changes into perspective. In October 1996 the FTSE 100 index of leading shares was just under 4,000. It hit a record high at the start of October, peaking at 5,330, before sliding back to current levels around 4,800.

How have smaller investors reacted to current changes?

Share trading volumes have A snare usung private investors this week with stockbrokers reporting signs of investor nervous-

The UK and US stock

I markets may have

bounced back after record

drops at the start of this

week, but City experts ex-pect further volatility in the

coming weeks and months.

Many believe the FTSE

s still overvalued and will

fall again before it settles.

But long-term forcasts re-

Andy Hartwill, UK equi-

Générale Strauss Turn-

bull, forecasts the FTSE

100 will fall below 4,750

points and settle some-

where above 4,400. On

Tuesday the index hit a low

of 4,382. He said: "The

volatility is not over yet. A

big rock hit the pool and

the ripples are still there. I

strategist for Société

week. Sharelink, the execution-only broker, which is soon to be renamed Charles Schwab Europe, says trading volumes were around double the normal level last Tuesday, though only two clients opted to sell up completely.

Other brokers report a trend back to selling in line with market. falls later in the week. "If people have made money, they don't want to see it disappear," said Stephen Landsdown, joint managing director of Hargreaves Landsdown, the broker, in Bristol.

But after the initial worries, there are signs that investors have decided against selling out, and many have instead switched their focus on opportunities to buy.

What is the advice from brokers and advisers?

Sit tight and ride through the A ups and downs of the stock market. Most investors should look at putting money into equities as a long-term investment for at least five years. Certainly the experience of 1987 lends strength to the sit it out argument. Despite the speed of the share fall in October 1987, the markets recovered relatively quickly and were moving back up, albeit slowly, from late 1987. By mid-1991 prices were ahead of 1987's pre-

Is 1997 likely to be a re-run of 1987?

Not necessarily. The current A turbulence may seem like unfortunate timing given the tenyear anniversary, but the parallels between the two in terms of causes. should not be overdone. Although there are some experts

mentals underpinning both the UK and US, and to the sound growth prospects of leading companies. While the UK market has en-

market trends, many economists

point to the firm economic funda-

joyed a strong run, just as it had in 1987, it is not, say analysts, as vulnerable to a correction as the higher flying US market.

Have small investors learnt from 1987?

The calmer reaction of many private investors to recent changes provides an indication of their increased understanding of The calmer reaction of many markets and how they work. "In 1987 people got sucked into poor quality shares and lost money they couldn't afford to lose," says Maithew Orr, of Killick & Co, the private client stockbroker. Today private investors have more broady based portfolios that will ride out market volatility better.

If share prices have fallen is now a good time to buy?

Another indication of the Anomer ususand approach shown by private investors is the number that have moved to take advantage of blue chip stocks available more cheaply. A number of brokers report more buying than selling instructions from clients.

What shares are investors Q buying?

Think blue chip is the bread tors. Companies in the FTSE 100. the index of leading companies, have seen the largest falls across

the stock market, so provide the

best buying opportunities. Brokers report demand for stocks such as HSBC, Standard Chartered and Cable & Wireless, all of which have seen their prices trimmed because of exposure to the troubled Far

Eastern markets. Other UK banks such as Lloyds TSB: Halifax and the Woolwich are also being snapped up. The banks have led the market up so they are bound to be affected by the instable ity." says Mark Bolland of Chang-berlain de Broë. "If they were

worth buying before they are still

worth buying."

Mr Bolland is also advisus clients to look at groups such as Shell, Marks & Spencer, Tesco and United Utilities among the FTS 100 selection.

What other opportunit should investors consider?

Brokers also advise investors A Brokers also advise investors to look at investment trusts, a number of which are now trading at a discount It is also an opportunity of breadening your portfolio and spreading the risk given a fund's range of investment. Investors buying now say brokers are also taking the opportunity of topping up their Peps.

If you have to sell now will you necessarily lose money?

Not all investors will be left nursing losses if they decide to cash in at current levels. Holders of Railtrack shares may not get the £10.40 that the shares fetched at their peak, but those who bought in at around £4.50 will have doubled their money. Similarly Alliance & Leicester shares which floated in April at 542½p, peaked at 724½p but are still ahead at 680p.

think the markets will be tested in the next couple of weeks before they stabilise and start to move gently upwards again." Richard Kersley, head

European strategy at BZW, said the troubles affecting the markets in South-East Asia and Hong Kong in particular would have a long-term impact on world growth. Such a slowdown will be felt more keenly in the commodities industrial sectors. Some believe it could take up to three years for Hong Kong to recover. The fastgrowing US economy is

billed as the other negative: in the equation. Many believe that the present 4 per cent growth is unsustainable and could spark a rise in interest rates.

But in broader terms there is a feeling that the markets are moving in the right direction.

Mr Hartwill said: "This has been a correction that I have been waiting for a long time, but it does not change the shape of things. It was an overdue correction that came from The market was over-

valued and it took the

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situation in the Far East to bring that home to roost."

Bob Semple, UK equity strategist for NatWest Markets, said: "In the

long-term the fundamentals are quite good because of low global inflation: We are in a sort of pause for breath in a long buil run."

Mark Bolland, of

Chamberlain de Broe, the financial adviser, said: "We haven't sold anything over the past few days other than South-East Asian funds. This may be a time to buy good-quality good and the investment

decision was right then now is as good at time to buy as any, even if there is

He added Long-term worried about what the market is doing in the short term, and there are buying opportunities for the right stocks in the right

"The danger is to sit on the sidelines and miss it all again. UK equities still represent good value. I think we may look back on this as a healthy blowing off of froth which needed to be done. The market is not for the faint hearted. but it never has been."

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Bristol & West guaranteed bonds which for the first time are being pegged to the per-formance of three leading stock market indexes - the FTSE, the American S&P 500 index and Japan's Nikkei 300 - all of which have been hit by this week's turbulence in the global equity markets.

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According to Simon Pratt, group product manager for investments at Bristol & West, guaranteed investment bonds could see a flood of cash from people wary of keeping their money in the beleaguered equity markets without capital assurances.

He said: "The way things have been going guaranteed bonds could see an influx of though equities have suffered

there is a good chance the markets will bounce back in the next few months and the lower than expected starting point means investors could benefit even more from stock market rises."

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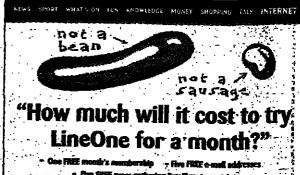
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Trusts have had to take a heavy hit on Hang Seng

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Micropal, the statistics bureau, show the three trusts investing solely. in Hong Kong have each plummeted, losing more than 20 per cent in the past

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Kong fund fairing worst by shedding 21.46 per cent. It has been closely followed by HSBC's Hong Kong Growth trust, which lost 21.17 per cent, and Old Mutual's Hong Kong Trust, which slipped 21.02 per cent. According to Sean Kelly, Asia Pacific fund manager at Gartmore, Hong Kong's problems have been caused

by factors other than the

week in the world equity markets. Mr Kelly said: "Every-

thing has fallen in a heap in recent days and it is partly down to the amount of derivatives trading going on With the Hang Seng index falling 18.88 per cent the bility of the Hong Kongtrusts were bound to follow dollar being linked directly suit, with Gartmore's Hong to the US dollar as much as have ground to a it is to do with the falls in global equity markets." -

Just about all of the unit trust funds that invest in the Asia Pacific region have suffered falls this week, with the best performing fund the Stewart Ivory Asia Pacific - losing nearly 10 per

Peter Warwick, who manages Fleming's Asian Investment Fund, says the outlook

turmoil experienced this for Hong Kong is at best week in the world equity uncertain, with the property market central to problems. He said: "Recent speculation in the Hong Kong dollar has pushed up shortterm interest rates, which

> "Property transactions have ground to a halt with a knock-on effect on equity prices thoughout the property stocks and in to utilities which offer a safer earnings

has affected Hong Kong's

most valuable asset, the

profile. The short-term outlook is uncertain and it is unclear what will happen to property prices. We expect volatility to remain high in the stock market."

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Why is Hong Kong's market so volatile?

Why does a currency battle cause the market

The authorities anti-A dote against currency speculation is to put up interest rates. But this is almost as harmful because of the role that property plays in Hong Kong, Four in sen people in Hong Kong work in property or property-related business-es. One third of stock marketquoted companies are property stocks, and another third are strongly property-related. House prices have doubled in the past 18 months. Putting up interest rates threatens to burst the property bubble. So the rise in interest rates to defend the Hong Kong dollar is sending shares crashing.

But why is there a currency crisis across

A For years the economies of South-East Asia have boomed on the back of cheap exports, helped by a weak dollar. But since mid-1995 the dollar has rebounded. The result has been ballooning balance of payments deficits. Speculators looked at the Thai baht and decided it was a one-way bet - the currency had to devalue if the country was to rescue its balance of payments.

So is it just about balance of payments

Not quite. The first vic-tims of the crisis — Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia - all had balance of payments deficits, and a record of overinvestment in unprofitable projects. But Sin-gapore and Taiwan have both devalued even though they are in surolus.

What has emerged is a beggar-thy-neighbour policy of competitive devaluations to keep currencies weak and boost exports. When Taiwan let its currency slide last week, Hong Kong became the next inevitable target.

Why doesn't Hong Kong simply drop the dollar peg?

A Politics. Some leading business figures have called for a devaluation, but the Chinese authorities regard the peg as a symbol of the territory's prosperity and its collapse would be a serious

George Soros beat the Bank of England. Is the Bank of China going to be any more successful? The Hong Kong THE Hong Kong stock market was at the epicentre of this week's world stock markets falls. The reason is mainly because of a currency contagion jumping from one currency to another across Asia.

The virus began in Thailand in early July and has swept through every major currency, hitting the

Hong Kong dollar last week. Yesterday, the Hang Seng index closed up 260.92 points at 10,623.78, a rise of 2.5 per cent. This follows a rollercoaster week in which the index opened on Monday at 11,144.34 and subsequently fell as low as 9.059.89 as nanic set in.

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rates for several months will stifle economic growth and company profits.

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Why should a crash in Hong Kong affect the City and Wall Street?

A Certain stocks quoted in London or New York. such as HSBC, have a large proportion of their assets in Hong Kong.

Why has Japan not fea-tured in the Far East

The Tokyo stock mar-A ket has fallen, but not to the same degree as other major markets. This may be because Tokyo never shared in the boom in other stock markets. With its index still at less than half of its 1989 peak, it has less far to fall.

I have a South-East Asian unit trust. Should I sell it or buy more?

Most investment ad-A visers are telling clients to sit tight and not sell. But some forecast more pain in Thailand and Malaysia and are telling clients to steer clear of these countries.

I don't have any unit trusts investing in the area. So can it affect me?

Yes. The £650 billion A UK pension fund industry has been a large player in South-East Asian markets. If you have an occupational pension scheme, it is likely that the fall will have reduced the size of your pension pot. However, over the longer term, the damage is likely to be minimal.

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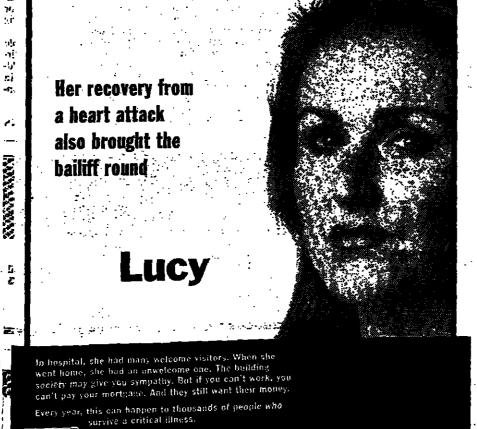
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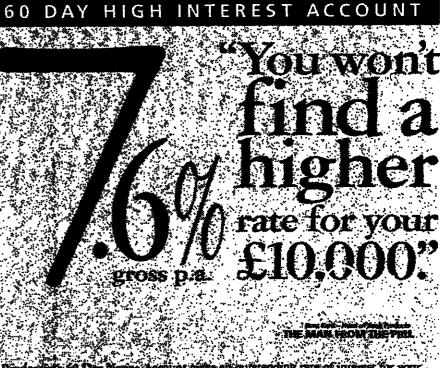
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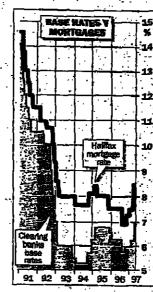
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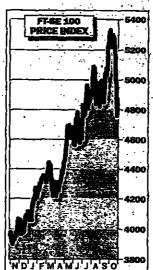
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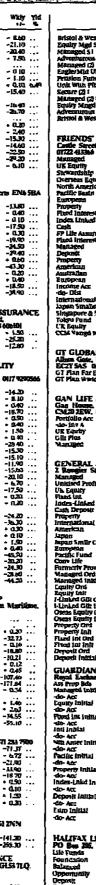
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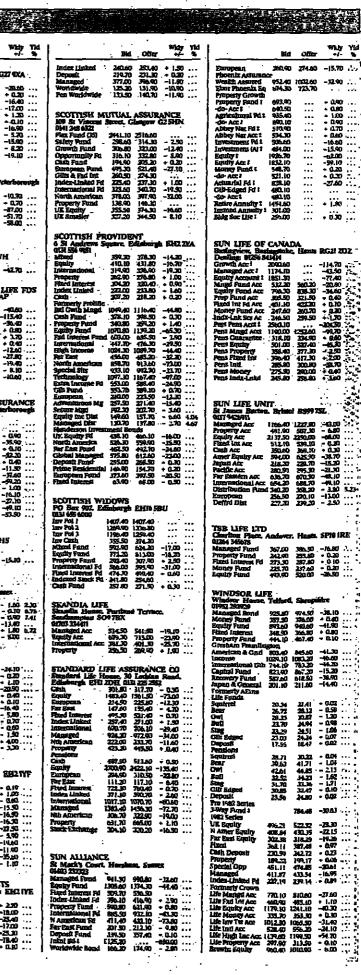
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WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

When I inquired as to the

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which the amount had been

transferred, the operator con-

firmed that the cheque had

been cashed and I was now

accruing interest. To my

amazement, when I called my

other credit card, the balance

was still there, un-transferred,

also accruing interest! When I asked for an expla-

nation, I was told that the

funds would take four work-

ing days to reach my account,

in the meantime I'm paying

interest to two credit com-

panies on the same money. No wonder they are all so

This sort of thing is certainly

unfair but can anyone advise as to the legality of such

successful.

practices.

Yours faithfully,

98 Broad Inge Crescent, Chapeltown, Sheffield.

JUSTIN HALL

You will multifunction and like it

From Mr Alan M. Pardoe Sir, Abbey National Bank plc has informed me that when mit £100 cheque guarantee card expires. I shall be issued with a "multifunction" card. These functions cover cash withdrawal, previously covered by a separate "Abbeylink" card, £100 cheque guarantee and a Visa debit card,

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Neither my wife nor I has redit or debit cards and do not want them. If a "multifunction" card falls into the wrong hands, it would be a simple matter for the user to purchase goods with it and sign the invoice with a copy of the signature that is on the card. I do not wish to be forced to have a card with this questionable facility, yet I can do nothing about it. The staff at my local Abbey National Bank sympathise with me, agreeing that this is a risk and so do the staff at the local Halifax and

From Mr T. Radice

tions staff titles.

Sir. With virtually every sales-

person or accounts clerk now

termed a "consultant" it was

perhaps only to be expected

that the "customer care" in-

dustry should start to look for new euphemisms and preten-

This morning I received a

duplicated letter from the "Di-

rector of Customer Satisfac-

tion" (signature undecipher-able) of a US-owned financial

institution, through whom I

hold a Ramblers' Association

Visa card, headed "Good

news! Your new credit limit is

£8,700", and beginning "we

are delighted to announce that

you have been given an in-

Representatives will be happy

to return your credit limit to its

Nationwide branches where I made inquiries.

The only option appears to be to revert to a 150 cheque guarantee card with its attendant shortcomings. Are my wife and I alone in not wishing to be forced into taking unnecessary risks with our current accounts? Yours faithfully

ALAN PARDOE, Hebron House, Blackheath Way. West Malvern. Worcestershire.

Interesting

Rambling around with £8,700

From Mr J. Hall Sir, I recently transferred the balance from one of my credit cards to the other with a balance transfer cheque". Thousands of people probably do this every day but I found something out that may raise a few eyebrows.

Satisfaction

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Director of Costomer

Will Nationwide directors forgo any future windfalls?

From Mr K. Chambers Sir, I understand that the Nationwide Building Society is to require new members to sign away in advance any possible windfall as a donation to charity in the event of a future flotation - an interesting variation on the theme of mutuality, telling members what to do with their own

May we existing members likewise insist that the directors - obviously not the same

ones who earlier made overtures to the National Provincial - underline their own avowed commitment to mutuality by promising to forgo any windfalls to which they might be entitled should they at some future stage recommend flotation. Yours faithfully,

KEITH CHAMBERS, 19 Hill Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Some highly improbable bad luck

From Mt J. Bullman Sir, Mr Ingram's letter (Where are the monthly prizes from my 20,000 Premium Bonds?, September 13) complaining that a 20,000 block of bonds does not win a prize every month will, J am sure, get a reply including the phrase "in the long run".

I have had a varying number of bonds since they started, and have had about 150,000 monthly "chances", so I might have expected eight or nine "hits" of some value or other. Since 1 have had none I amuse myself by working out the extreme improbability of my misfor-tune. There is a statistical tool

which measures the extent to which observed values depart from the expected. By this test. the probability of a sample producing a result so different from the expected is 1:10,000 a probability of 0.1 per cent.

It is tempting to conclude that there is a probability of 99.9 per cent that some factor, other than the laws of chance, is operating. I am afraid the truth is more simple: like Mr Ingram, I am just very unducky. Yours faithfully, JOHN BULLMAN, Graham House, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk

Home-income plan problems

From Mr A.B. Craven Sir, The article on home income plans by Gavin Lumsden (Home-income plans are given a new lease of life, Weekend Money, October gave warning on what happened to the elderly in the late 1980s.

However, it failed to state that the problems remain for an estimated 10,000 victims who have ever-increasing mortgage debts with the lenders, primarily building societ-The stress caused is unimaginable and cases of suicide are known.

Apart from the Cheltenham & Gloucester, all other lenders

have distanced themselves from the plans, stating that they merely lent the money. Future litigation may prove otherwise.

The advice to use your own solicitor and not one recommended by the plan provider is excellent.

The solicitors in the late 1980s let down the elderly with cheap-rate conveyancing and lack of advice. Yours faithfully ANTHONY CRAVEN. White Cottage. Elstronwick, Burton Pidsea,

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Annuity reform would be a popular government move

From Mr Douglas Grubb Sir-Your item on compulsory. Major missed a golden politpurchase pension annuities ical opportunity in not propos-EMU hit pensions, Business News, October 2) indicates that the sum on fifer for a 60-year-old man is now not greatly in excess of that to be achieved gross with a good building society account or indeed a personal investment in gilts.

Under the present system any remaining capital is scooped by the pension provider on the death of the annuitant (or, surprisingly. spouse, for a joint-life annuity). This arrangement was greatly criticised by correspondents to The Times at the end of last year and John

Golders Green,

That is all now history, but it is to be hoped that the new Government will consider as whole question of compulsory purchase annuities. A change in the rules at least to allow the option for independent investment and retention of remaining capital within the estate would, I am sure, be most welcome to a majority of pensioners. Yours faithfully. DOUGLAS GRUBB.

52 Hullam Grange Crescent;

THE WEEK IN MONEY

FIGURES published on Monday by the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) revealed sales of unit trusts and personal equity plans to private investors in September were £418 million, almost twice the total seen in the same month of 1996 and up 20 per cent on August. About E65 million of the £418 million invested by individuals went into indextracker funds and £129 million into UK trusts.

☐ Tour operators will be ordered to change the way. they sell package holidays when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission publishes its report into anti-competitive behaviour by travel companies.

The MMC report, which will be passed to Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on November 7, will recommend that travel companies make clear the connections between their integrated airlines, high street shops and tour operating arms. The investigation was prompted by complaints from small independent travel companies that the might of Thomson and its rival. Airtours, was squeezing

them out of the market.

☐ On Tuesday, Gordon Brown unleashed on the City a new super-watchdog - the Financial Services Authority. The FSA re-places the Securities and Investments Board, the chief regulator, and over the next two years will absorb nine frontline watchdogs. er protection after a series of City scandals.

☐ Marry low-cost telephone sharedealers saw sell orders soar to three times normal levels on Tuesday. Panic selling by small investors began as the market opened with a 450-point collapse. Immediately after the

9.30am and II.00am BBC Television updates of share prices on Ceefax, the telephone lines at low-cost telephone sharedealers were jammed by small investors wanting to sell. Stockbrokers are calling it the "Ceefay" effect

☐ Radical reform of retirement provision has been for by insurance the Government pensions review. Their controversial proposals include a better deal for women pensioners. and changes in tax relief

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Taxman spoils Tessa cash access



T ennifer Thornton, 62, from Cambridge has been disappointed by the limited access she has to the interest on her Tessa which she started with the Alliance & Leicester in April 1993.

"I thought that as long as I left the capital untouched for the full five-year term, I could withdraw all the interest from my account without affecting its tax-free status," said Ms Thornton. She started to dip into the interest when she

retired from her job as an administrator at

Cambridge University in January. But now she has been told that she can only have another £50 or she will have to pay tax on all the interest.

"I had expected to be able to withdraw another £300 or so. This would still have left £9,000 (the maximum that can be invested in a Tessa) in the account" she pointed out.

In fact, it is not only the capital that has to remain invested in the Tessa for the full term in order to retain the tax advantages. An amount equivalent to the tax on the interest must be left there also. Geoff Seymour of the Alliance & Leicester says this point is explained in the literature.

But the relevant section entitled "Access to your money" starts rather misleadingly: "You can vithdraw the full amount of interest that's already been credited to your account at any time," it says, before adding "less a sum equal to the amount of

Simplicity is the key to promote thrift,

the new individual savnes account (Isa). ning to introduce in April 1999. may not only provide less tax relief than personal equity plans (Peps) and tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) but could end up a considerably more complex product. Yet experience shows simplicity is vital if people are to be encouraged to save and

not feel cheated by small print. Even Tessas — which were meant to be straightforward savings products - have managed to confuse people and left some feeling dissatisfied, as reader Jennifer Thorston's experience indicates. What's more, Tessa providers them-selves have succeeded in making their products increasingly complex and less portable as time has gone on.

Another shock can await investors who wish to transfer their Tessas from one provider to another. The accounts were intended to be portable. Giving savers the freedom to move is important because it enables them to get the best returns on their money. However, some providers impose such helity penalties that sav-ers are effectively trapped.

One of the worst offenders is the Birmingham Midshires, now the UK's fourth largest building society, which not only offers seven different types of Tessas but deducts an excessive 180 days' interest if savers transfer to another provider. At current rates, someone with £3,000 in the would have to forfeit £107 in interest in order to move. With £6,000 invested, the penalty would be more than £200.

Birmingham Midshires, said: The reason for this penalty is that we want to be sure we attract only serious investors may prefer to have the option to shop around, especially with Isas on the horizon.

The value of portability is

well illustrated by the current differences in the rates at present being paid on both first and follow-on Tessas. For investors with less than £2,000 in their account, for example, returns range from 6 per cent at the Yorkshire Bank to 7.6 per cent at the Hanley Economic Building Society. Even investors with the maximum of £9,000 invested in a follow-up Tessa are getting less than 7 per cent from some providers such as at the Manchester Building Society and the Co-operative

Graham Hooper, of Chase de Vere, the financial adviser. urges investors who are getting switch. "Naturally it is important to take into account any transfer penalties but the extra gains from a competitive Tessa could more than make up for

the cost," he said. Penalties vary enormously. There are still some providers such as the TSB which make no though since the TSB is currently paying a competitive rate of 7.2 per cent on its Tessa

would want to move. Other providers make no charge if the investors give a certain periodof notice, ranging from seven-days to 90 days, while some levy a flat fee of between £10 and £50 to cover the adminis-

One source of transfer business in recent months has been investors switching from the new banks to the mutuals. Some mutuals have stopped. taking transfers as a result. Not so the Bradford & Bingley. where Mathew Jackson says that the number of Tessay transfers has risen from a total of 108 in 1996 to an average of 50 a day this year.

Jackson said: Most of the trans-fers this year took March which led to more competitive rates on all our accounts," Bradford & Bingley currently pays 7.4 per cent on its Tessa which requires a £1,000 minimum investment.

The mechanics of making a transfer are relatively straight --forward. Investors must inform their existing provider they want to switch and then: open the new account. The money itself will be transferred direct from the old to the new Tessa provider. Mr Jackson said this procedure usually: takes about six weeks from start to finish. The investment continues to earn interest throughout except for the few days when the cheque is in the

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poses to improve our lamentably low level of savings for rainy days and retirement through individual savings accounts (Isas) and stakeholder pensions. Although details of the structure of the Isa have begun to emerge, the stakeholder pen-

insurance companies put forward radical proposals to flesh out its bones. Legal & General NatWest Life and Norwich Union also all recommend thoroughgoing reform of the current pension system, including the state

schemes. They put forward proposals that would mean increases in the basic state pension, but without further

adding to the burden on

should be required to pay into pensions, a controversial view, as compulsory pension contributions are seen as a hidden tax. NatWest Life sug-gests the establishment of a best buy "Kitemarked" list of pensions that meet certain quality, service and other

that stakeholder pensions will have low charges that do not take a large bite from small contributions. Like Norwich Union, it believes that there should be no penalties imposed on those who cannot make regular contributions, or who have periods out of work.

People would be able to choose to receive their basic state pension through their stakeholder pension, an ar-

established. At present, the basic state pension rises in line with prices, and this has led to a reduction in its value. The Government would divert a portion of an individearnings to the stakeholder pension. Here, in theory at least, it would grow .

Under L&G's plans, the individual could at retirement transfer a portion of the fund tax-free into a long-term care savings plans. Anyone con-tributing to any type of pension would receive tax relief at the rate of 3313 per cent. At ... present, relief is given at the 23 per cent basic rate of tax and at the 40 per cent higher rate.

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while Marianne Curphey looks at an income bond that failed to live up to the expected returns

Hard times from great expectations

chairman of the Financial Services Auprotection body, spoke this week of his personal concern about the tack of clarity in many of the investment schemes offered to the public. He believes that many prodncts are too complex even for

worked hard and saved for a long period look forward to a comfortable retirement, the disadvantages of a scheme they have invested in may become apparent only too

Mr. Davies's worries about the bewildering nature of many widely sold and heavily advertised schemes is apply illustrated by the case of Paula Lansberry, a divorcee who put a substantial portion of her life savings into an insurance company scheme that has since failed to live up to her expectations.

Five years ago, Mrs Lansberry invested £44,000 in an annuity-based scheme from Britannic Assurance. The aim was to boost her income in retirement.

An, annuity is the term given to a lump sum investment that pays out a regular income. But

the scheme

in question

also offered the potential

for capital

Lansberry

would be re-

Thus Mrs

'I will be 75 next month and cannot risk losing £7,000 of my capital every five years'

see appreciation of the capital invested in the annuity. Unfortunately this did not grow as she expected. Mrs Lansberry said: "Britannic used £17.000 of my money to

remaining £27,000 would have grown back to its original amount. This has not been tage and, come February, only £38,000 remains.

pay me a monthly income of

Britannic is anxious to sell me another annuity but I will be 75 next month and cannot risk losing £7.000 of my capital every five years. She is now wondering what to do

After the intervention of The Times, Brian Shaw, chief executive of Britannic Assurance, said he had looked into the case. He said: "This was

which was sold to Mrs Lansberry and is outside our normal range. Her fund is projected to have grown from £28,000 to £41,000 by February, when it matures. The annuity she was sold appears to be a sensible way of helping her plan for the future.
"She has the flexibility to

choose how much of her capital she wants to use to create income and how much she wants to leave invested. It should have been made clear to her that £44,000 was a possibility but not a guarantee. We would be very surprised if our representative did make such a guarantee. but we do accept responsi-bility for the advice given to

We asked James Higgins, of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent financial adviser, for guidance. He said: "Mrs Lansberry was sold a 'generator. This is a scheme that combines regular income with capital growth. The generator concept is sound enough: you put up to one third of the initial investment into an annuity. The aim is to generate

virtually tax-free income over five years by using that one third of capital as income "Over the five-year term the remaining two thirds should grow sufficiently

replace the capital is a way for who wants enjoy some exposure to

having to worry too much about short-term volatility. By putting the £27,000 away to grow for five years, Britannic Assurance was hoping to build up capital again.

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"I was given the impression E27,000 in a fund which tracked the FTSE All-share index, that sum would bave grown to almost £52,000 after five years. Britannic Assurance has achieved rather less than that and I would caution Mrs Lansberry against going ahead with any further

scheme of that sort. "It is apparent that Mrs Lansberry still needs an income, but if she wants as much as the 8.25 per cent she has enjoyed to date, then it might be safer to go for one of the higher-income (guaranteed income bond) type of schemes.

capital, but a few now allow for some downside risk as well. For example, GE's Safeguard (part of the General Electric Corporation of America) product generates an 8 per cent income but guarantees to return the full investment even if markets fall over five years by as much as 15.5 per cent. If that sort of risk is offers a better route for Mrs

"Annuity rates from insurance companies for a 75-yearold are not too good right now around £230 per month would still mean that the remainder of the money which is invested needs to grow at 7.5 per cent to return the capital after should not be duped into thinking high income can be achieved without risk."



Sadly disillusioned: Paula Lansberry was looking for an investment hat paid a modest income ir five years while keeping her capital safe

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The income bond that did not have happy returns





Rollercoaster ride goes on

knuckle moments in one day than most theme parks can produce in a year. But, although some individuals took fright, most investors were icy calm, taking a long term view and viewing the downturn as a buying op-portunity. We assess the implications of the events of October 1997 on your per-

UNIT TRUSTS: investors took a phlegmatic approach to this week's market gyrations. Virgin Direct, which sells Britain's most popular Pep based on an index-tracker unit trust has seen customers clamouring to invest, rather than

cash in their holdings.

Tony Woods, of Virgin Direct, said: "We have been extremely busy. On an average day, we take El million. but on Thursday we took £1.5 million. Even on the bleakest days, there were only a few customers asking for withdrawal forms. People are seeing this as an opportunity to get into the markets. We have written to customers stressing that time, not timing, is the key to successful stock market investment. The only investors who make a loss in a serious stock market fall are those who cash in their investment

and realise their losses."

The sangfroid of clients surprised many in the industry who feared the market drop on Monday night would lead to a flood of panic calls. Ruth Clarke, development director at Commercial Union Trust Managers said: "Investors had been conditioned to it has happened there is a sense this may be an opportunity to move back in."

investors here were also largely unruffled. Fleming investment Trust Management, with £4.7 billion under management in its 19 trusts, said reaction from investors had been calm, though its most popular trust fell by 33p on Tuesday but only 12p over the week. Fleming said: "We have not been deluged with calls but those who did ring have

The pension funds take a long view

Pension funds, the largest investors in the stock market, had been expecting a correc-tion and so had moved a larger than usual portion of their holdings into

At the end of September, the average fund held 9 per cent of its total holdings in cash. This meant that funds found it a little easier to be sanguine about market falls.

Frances Davies a di-rector of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management and head of pooled pen-sion funds said: We have had no panicky reactions from clients. There has been a lot of speculation about whether the level of the market was sustainable and we ourselves have talked about the possibility of a

"But pension funds have long term horizons. To provide yourself with enough money to have a decent pension you need to have equity exposure."

had been expecting a market correction."

However, the downturn has widened the discounts that plague the industry. In some cases they may be up to 20 per cent. Previously the average was 12 per cent. A trust is trading at a discount when the share price is less than the net asset value - the index which shows the value of the assets in the fund divided by the number of shares in issue.

Those holding lump sums in trusts are looking at losses. But those who make monthly contributions to trust savings schemes stand to benefit. They will be able to buy more units with their monthly premium because of the price falls.

■ MORTGAGES: the nose dive in shares could bring good news for homeowners with the expected November rise in mortgage rates now likely to be avoided.

Experts had forecast another quarter per cent rise in the standard variable rate as the Bank of England tries to suppress an overheating economy. but the market fall means it is

likely to be put on hold.

John Killens, of Bristol & West, the former building society, now part of Bank of Ire-land since August, said lower share prices could set the trend for lower fixed-rate mortgages in the next three to five years. He said: The combination of falling equity markets and Gordon Brown's announcement that Britain will keep out of a single European currency for at least the next five years is good news for borrowers.

It means lenders will be able to buy medium-term money more cheaply which means a four or five-year fixed- rate mortgage will offer good value to homeowners."



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stock market, or so say the pundits who advise individual investors.

But anyone who anticipated a market meltdown and bought into a bear fund in recent months will have made money last week, provided they sold in time.

Investors who put money into bear funds are gambling on a declining stock market because the funds are structured so that the value rises in proportion to the stock market's decline.

Bear funds are all about timing. Conrad Preece, associate director at Govett Asset Management says: "Bear funds are not for the longterm investor because generally equity markets go up over

"We would expect investors to use bear funds strategically, either to hedge themselves against a long position or because they feel the market is overvalued and ready for a

In the bull run that has characterised the US and UK stock markets of recent years,

Happy as a bear coming out to play

bear funds hav performed

If you invested 1,000 in the Govett UK Bea fund at its inception in 191, it would have been worthomly £587.17 in early Octobe The same amount invested a October 1. 1996 would havebeen worth only £789.21 a year later. according to search by Micropal

In contrast, the same amount put in River & Mercantile MBt Fund, one of the least successful UK growth funds in he last year,

in the same period. A similar investment in too ranking Exeter Capial Growth would have risen to £1,609.42.

But anyone with the foresight to have put £1,000 into the Govett UK bear fund on October 3 and removed it last Monday would have seen their stakerise by 18.3 per cent by the cose of trade on October 25 (although the total return wil have been diminished by the fund's charges). And investors who think the market has further to fall, and

Reports by one Ashworth, Karen Zagor, John Givens, Patrik Collinson and Susan Emmett

unlikely to hold, will put money in bear funds. There are very few bear funds open to individual investors in the United Kingdom. Govett operates the only two that have low enough entry levels to appeal to the smaller investor.

The funds — the UK Bear and US Bear funds - are authorised unit trusts. They are classifies as futures and options funds, and futures are used to manage the portfolio. The United Kingdom fund uses the FTSE 100 futures contract and the Unied States fund uses the S&P 500 futures

"If the investor in the street had a couple of thousand pounds in equities, perhaps from windfall shares, and if two weeks ago he had thought the market was due for some short-term downward volatility, he could have invested in the fund, taken his profits on Tuesday and been very happy," says Mr Preece.

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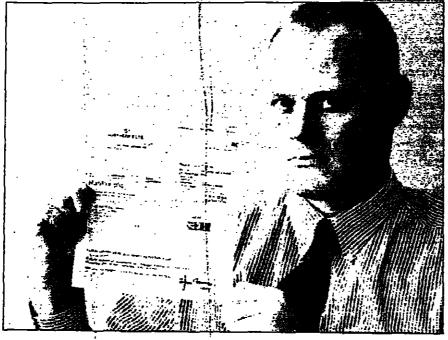
Phil Anderson has experienced at first hand the vagaries of the stock market - he had planned to sell his windfall shares and use the proceeds as a deposit on a flat. The events of the past week

have tested his nerve as he saw the prices of bank shares hammered. Among the big gest casualties have been the newly-converted banks, Halwhich he has holdings.

At their peak, Halifax shares were 778p, but have fallen this week to 685p. Northern Rock's high was 504p but it ended the week at 471p. A member of both societies with the basic allocation from each would have seen the total value of his holding fall £350 from its peak to be worth about £3,700.

Mr Anderson, 28, said: "l would have received more than £4,000 if I had sold both lots of shares at the top of the market. I kept reading reports that the market looked high but I never got round to doing anything about it.

When the shares were first issued I had not seen any properties I liked. There were



so few decent flat on the market that I thought it would take ages to find one. Now I wish I had just banked the money. I am roing to borrow the money rom my

parents and pay them back

later when the market rises

His colleague. Dan Luckas, 19, sold his windfall shares and pocketed £1,600 which he is spending on a trip to New Zealand and

Australia in February. Mr Anderson said: "He sold out when the market was high but I am kicking myself for not doing the same."

MARIANNE CURPHEY





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Edward's glittering cast for golden wedding gala

The Prince tells Bill Frost of his plans

to entertain the greatest gathering

of royals since the Queen's Coronation

have been very much on the mind of Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest son and the only one of her children still to marry. However, this is business, not pleasure, despite Fleet Street's determined attempts to propel him up the aisle with Sophie

Rhys-Jones as soon as possible. Given the media obsession with their employer's lovelife, staff at the central London headquarters of his production company, Ardent, are naturally wary of the press. One senses slight disapproval and suspicion while waiting for an audience with him.

The feeling is banished as he bounds, beaming, from his office. He is tall, suntanned and disarmingly amicable, even apologising for being a little late. The cavalry twill trousers and suede shoes are slightly at odds with the hint of expensive cologne and gold signet ring inscribed with an "E". But then, this is the Theatrical Royal; more media mogul than

farm manager.
His office is bright, airy and obviously worked in. A bottle of champagne sits unopened beneath a desk piled with papers.

He smiles again before explaining why his thoughts have been so taken up with affairs of the heart. But this is not the stuff of tabloid splashes.

The Prince's preoccupation this past year has been with organising the golden jubilee celebration of his parents' marriage at Westminster Abbey 50 years ago, a ceremony which restored joy and pageantry to gloomy postwar Britain. "Millions will welcome this joyous

or the past year, court-ship and weddings hard road we have had to travel," said Winston Churchill at the time, with customary prescience.

The morning of November 20, 1947, dawned damp and grey. Mist hung over the streets of London and the cold seemed to penetrate the bone. Yet around Buckingham Place, heavily wrapped people had slept all night on pavements. and thousands more gathered

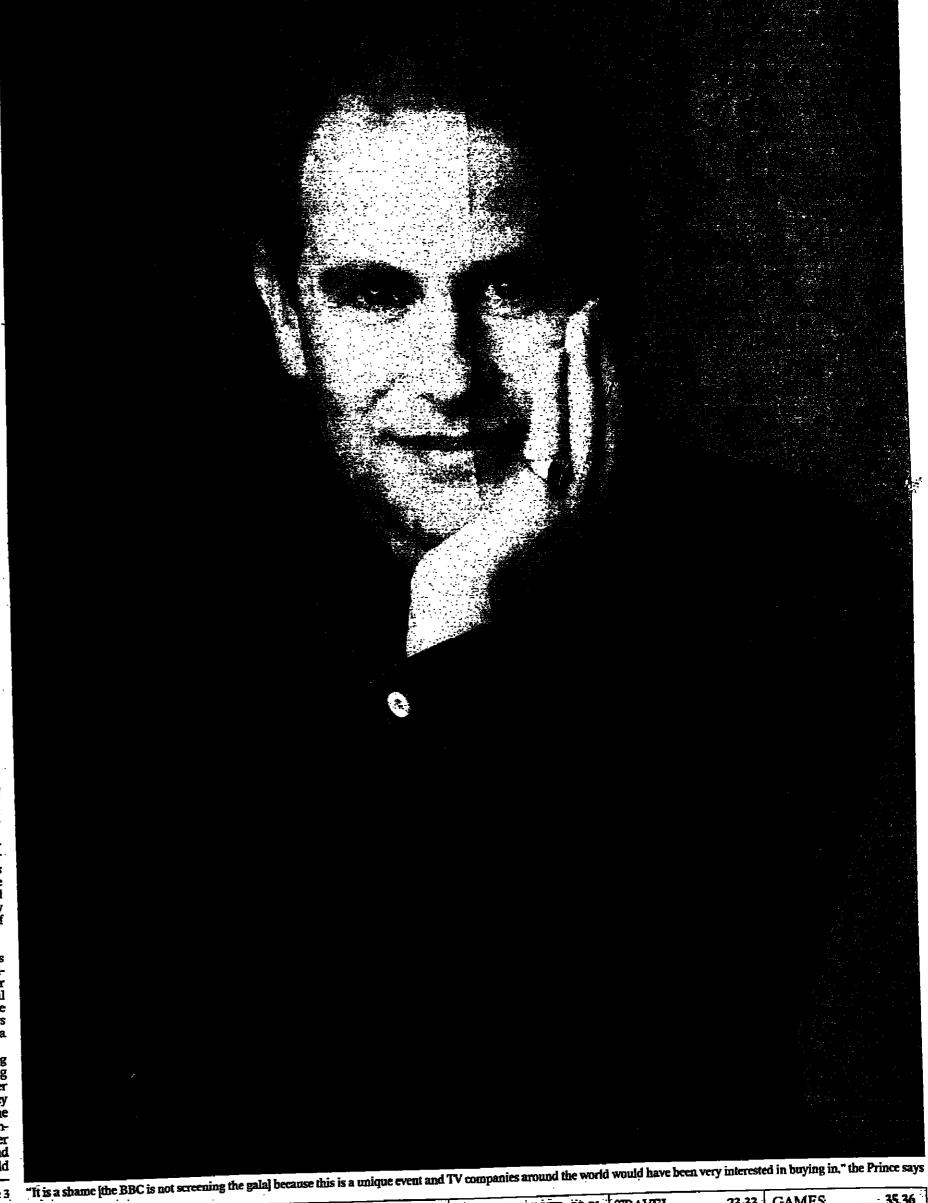
to stand shivering for hours. Although the day had not been declared an official public holiday, the capital saw its biggest crowds since the Coronation of George VI, ten years earlier. After the dark years of war and austerity, the nation longed for glamour and

Elizabeth, the Princess destined to be Queen, and her Prince were to become parents and grandparents but, above all, a symbol of unity and stability for their subjects. They provided the perfect example of the permanence of marriage.

adly, that model has been difficult to replicate, especially for members of the Royal Family. However, there is more than nostalgia for bygone days and mores to celebrate half a century later.

Prince Edward began laying plans for the golden wedding celebrations last October after asking his parents how they would most like to mark the anniversary. "I thought a concert that would bring together the Queen, the Duke and members of the public would

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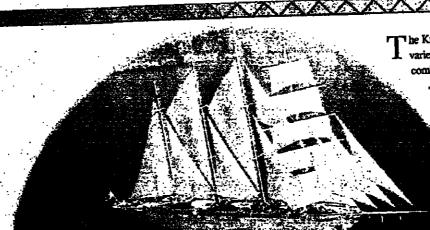
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Kennedys' voyage to promised land

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Ireland's largest sailing ship is being re-created in memory of its emigrants,

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lmust 150 years ago, with Ireland ravaged by famine, a young couple joined the crowd on the quay at the little port of New Ross, in Co Wexford, Patrick Kennedy and his wife Bridget, having said goodbye to their families just a few miles down the road. were setting off to seek a new life in America.

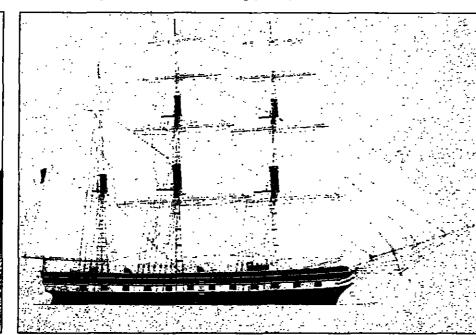
Little more than a century later their great-grandson. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States. promising an era of imprecedented peace, progress and prosperity. Perhaps no world leader has ever embodied such high hopes, made all the more poignant by the tragedy, disappointment and disgrace that have since enveloped America's most famous family.

There is no shrine at the ancestral home. There is a memorial park some miles away, but tourists arriving at the little family cottage beside a narrow, winding country lane are in for a disappointment. There are no mementoes or family portraits - as if peasant farmers in the Ireland of the 1840s could afford to have their portraits painted bar serving Guinness.

However, on the other side of the river a memorial is being created in the shape of a great sailing ship. Dunbrody. the largest ever built in the



Family reunion: John F. Kennedy (centre) visited relations in Ireland in 1963. Along with his sister, Jean Smith, are his cousin Mary Ryan and her daughters



The crossing from Europe to

New England or to the St Lawrence took anything from

four to seven weeks - the

return journey was generally

Jean Kennedy Smith and Michael Smurfitt with a replica of the famine ship under construction in Co Wexford

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Irish Republic. Measuring 176ft long and weighing 458 tons, with masts up to 80ft high, she is scheduled to make her maiden voyage to Boston. tly a century and a half since JFK's great-grandparents set out as penniless emigrants.

Dunbrody is a replica of one

of hundreds of similar vessels built during the first half of the 19th century to carry cargo from North America to Europe. Most were construcred on the western side of the Atlantic because of the availability of raw materials. The original Dunbrody was built in Quebec City to bring muchneeded timber from the Canadian forests. Britain's domestic supply having been depleted by the demands of the Napoleonic wars and the expansion of the Fleet.

Shipowners were happy to exploit a new cargo to fill their vessels on the return journey, in the shape of thousands of emigrants travelling from Britain, Ireland and other parts of Europe to the New World. The so-called famine ships were quick and cheap to construct and, travelling fully loaded in both directions, were hugely profitable until they were superseded by larger and faster steamships.

or generations New Ross was a thriving port with a busy shipyard. But with the recent closure of the yard, and the loss of container traffic to Waterford, 15 miles closer to the sea, it declined into recession. The reopening of the former dry dock, after it became flooded by tonnes of silt, was an act of faith.

The dock, adjoining a cluster of oil tanks and other industrial detritus, is not the most prepossessing setting for a romantic enterprise. But as the structure takes shape beneath a public viewing platform, there is an infectious enthusiasm in the air.

faster, thanks to the prevailing westerlies - and most ships could be expected to remain their costs within two years. In the 1840s, famine in Ireland and recession in Britain, combined with a big increase in transatlantic shipping and competition among shipowners, stimulated a drastic reduction in fares. From £12 in 1816 the cheapest

steerage passage fell to £3 l0s (£3.50), although this could be increased at short notice if demand exceeded supply. Fares to British North America (Canada) were also subsidised by the British government, which was anxious to encourage lovalist

The grace and beauty of the sailing vessels frequently disguised appalling conditions on board. Steerage passengers had to bring their own provi-sions for a voyage lasting several weeks and suffered horribly from hunger, disease IS49, was an inferior craft.

and lack of hygiene. It was the superior quality of the Dunbrook and the fact that her history was so well documented, that prompted her choice as the model for the new vessel. The Washington

Irving, in which the Kennedys actually arrived in Boston fron: Liverpool on April 22, nently at anchor. She would be a full-scale sea-going vessel built to the highest standards, with a professional crew sup-

The project was initiated by the JFK Trust, set up in 1988, after the closure of the shipyard, to stimulate development and bring new jobs to the area. But it was decided that long since disappeared. Mudie had no difficulty recreating the lines, using logic and imagination". More than half the £3 million cost of the project is

being met by the European Union's regional development fund. Other money has come from government-funded job creation schemes and corporate sponsors.
Although the Dunbrody will

ers and historians, who acted

as a consultant during the raising of the Tudor warship Mary Rose. Although the orig-inal architect's drawings have

symbolise an important per-iod in Irish history, Sean Reidy, the project manager, is arixious not to harp on the tragic aspects of the famine. He says: "Ninety-seven per cent of these young people reached their destinations safely and, by hard work and enterprise, helped to build great new countries and cities. That is surely something to be

From famine to fame and fortune

Irish emigrants who fled the famine to make their fame and fortune in America includes presidents and film stars, Supreme Court justices, senators, olshops and captains of industry. More than 40 million American citizens can now claim ancestral roots in Ireland.

The father of Henry Ford, the car manufac turer, for example, sailed from Cork to Quebec and then travelled on to Detroit in 1847, two years before Patrick Kennedy left Co Wexford for Boston. Ancestors of Jimmy Cagney, Hollywood's tough man, were among the first wave of immi grants when the famine struck in Ireland, Prin-

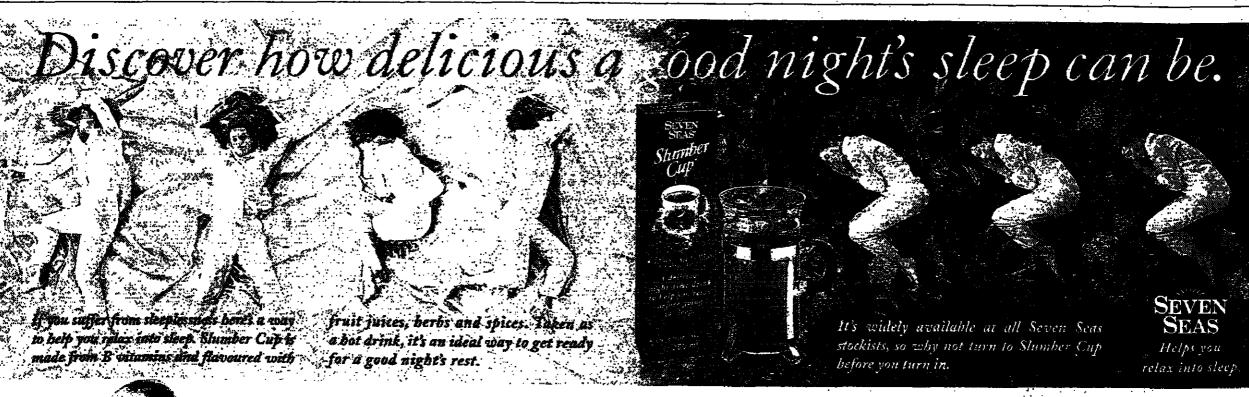




forebears were also Irish. F. Scott Fitzgerald, the author, Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, John Ford, the film di-rector, Tip O'Neill and Tom Foley, Speakers of the House of Representatives, are all descended from Irish stock, as are Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

B oth Chicago and Los Angeles have Irish-American mayors, and the Kennedys continue to domi-nate political life. While John F. Kennedy was the first Irish Catholic President and his brother, Robert, the US Attorney-General, other members of the family are still powerbrokers. Senator Edward Kennedy re mains a force on Capitol Hill, where Congressman Joe Kennedy is a proponent of Irish is sues. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend is Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Jean Kennedy Smith is the United States Amssador to Ireland and John Kennedy Ir is editor and co-founder of George, the hip political journal.

TOM RHODES



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Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip and the wedding party in the Throne Room of Buckingham Palace. The best man, the Marquess of Milford Haven is to the left of the bride. Bridesmaids, left to right: the Hon Margaret Elphinstone, Lady Pamela Mountbatten, Lady Mary Cambridge, Princess Alexandra of Kent, Princess Margaret,

Lady Carolyn Montagu-Douglas-Scott, Lady Elizabeth Lambert and Miss Diana Bowes-Lyon. Pages: Prince William of Gloucester (left) and Prince Michael of Kent. Front row, left to right: Queen Mary, Princess Alice (Prince Philip's mother), King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven

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be appropriate, and everybody said 'yes, what a good idea'."
Impeccable theatrical connections have enabled him to put together a glittering cast of musicians and actors for the Royal Gala at the Festival Hall on November 19. Appropriately, the theme is

"The most phenomenal number of people have be come involved in what started out as a relatively simple idea," Prince Edward told The Times, "As the discussions progressed, we decided this should be a celebration of the arts — film, ballet and opera. But you soon realise that 12 months is not a long time to put something like this together, and there are no second chances to get things right."

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Collaborating with Trevor Num, Nicholas Snowman and Hugh Wooldridge — "among the very best in the business" — the Prince's programme is as elaborate as the finest Elizabethan masque.

unn has devised a production which celebrates court-ship. romance, childbirth and constancy. The format marries Shakespeare's plays and sonnets with the music his work has inspired.

Andrew Davis is to conduct the overture to Weber's Oberon, and the love duet from Verdi's Otello. There's Cole Porter, too: Brush Up Your Shakespeare and Kiss Me Kate, taken from the musical and based on The Taming of the Shrew.

Cleo Laine and John

Cleo Lame and John Dankworth will perform two sonnets in musical settings, while Dame Diana Rigg reads Sonnet No. 116: "Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds Admit Impediment". Ian Holm will read Polonius's welcome to the players in a scene from Hamlet.

Among other highlights in the 90-minute programme are extracts from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, Tonight from Bernstein's West Side Story, and Berlioz's love duet from Les Tropens, also inspired by Romeo and Juliet.

"The choice of pieces was

"The choice of pieces was very much a joint decision by the production team, but the Queen and the Duke's choice obviously were taken into account," the Prince says. Shakespeare seemed appropriate, even though the production is driven by music.

As for favourite pieces, I'd sooner wait until the night to say which went down best.

Mine is a watching brief now and there are no dress

rehearsals, the performers are practising their lines in their bathrooms—it will be all right on the night.

"As far as I am aware all the crowned heads of Europe will be here for the gala, the banquet and the ball. We can't

the crowned heads of Europe will be here for the gala, the hanquet and the ball. We can't put them all up at Bucking ham Palace, there simply aren't enough rooms. So some will be staying aboard Britania in the Port of London: I suppose you could say it was

the Royal Yacht's swansong," he adds rather wistfully.

It will be the largest gathering of crowned heads of state in Britain since the Coronation in 1953, or even since the wedding itself. Most of them will be cousins, descended from Queen Victoria, who basked in her reputation as

the "grandmama of Europe".

Among the Queen's second cousins will be King Harald of Norway and ex-King Constantine of Greece, with his wife Anne-Marie, a third cousin. Other third cousins attending include Alexander. Crown Prince of Yugoslavia, King Carl Gustav of Sweden, Queen Margrethe of Denmark and King Juan Carlos of

Despite the presence of such a distinguished audience, the

s swansong," Prince remains calm. "I'm not nervous," he says, "but I cannot speak for the cast."

Certainly there were nerves on the royal wedding day itself. Lieutenant Philip Mounthatten, Royal Navy, was said to have downed a large G&T with his best man shortly after waking on that cold, grey November morning. In the event, there was no need to worry; it was a production of seamless perfection. The wedding, one American journalist wrote, jerked millions out of their one-

Princess Elizabeth had been granted 100 extra clothing coupons for her trousseau; her eight bridesmaids, including Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra, were given an

them into dreamland".

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extra 23 coupons each. Ten thousand costume pearls were sewn on to the white satin Norman Harmell wedding dress to form garlands of York roses and ears of corn.

The bride did not escape without some pre-wedding hitches. Among them, the surray riara she wore to hold back her headdress snapped as it was being put on. A jeweller rushed the piece away for immediate repair.

Prince Philip wore his naval uniform, with the Star of the Garner, which had been presented to him the day before by the King. In that ceremony, he was also created Baron of Greenwich, Earl of Merionith and Duke of Edinburgh. Before the wedding, Philip, who had been baptised in the

formally received into the Church of England. He did not have to worry

He did not have to worry about buying a wedding ring. It was made from a nugget of Welsh gold, a gift from the people of the principality.

Princess Elizabeth had left Buckingham Palace on time, 11.16am precisely. By then, her husband was already at Westminster Abbey, where 2,500 guests had gathered.

"The expression in the eyes of the King was that of any father who is filled at once with pride in the daughter he is handing into another's care and with unfeigned delight in the happiness she has found." The Times reported next day.

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After the signing of the register, the bride and groom walked hand in hand down the line of guests. "With joy in CAMERA PRESS

their eyes and pride and hope in their mien, they passed down through the choir and nave and went out to meet the plaudits of the people." The Times reported. "The welcome

was tumultuous..."

At Buckingham Palace, the newlyweds and their guests sat down to a wedding breakfast in the State Dining Room. Concerned by what she had heard about rationing in Britain, an American child had a live turkey delivered to the palace.

There were 12 official wedding cakes; the main one, a 9ft-high, 900lb, four-tier creation made by McVitie and Price, was cut by the Princess with her husband's naval sword.

In those days of rationing,

the wedding presents on display at St James's Palace included 500 cases on tinned pineapple from the government of Queensland, hundreds of pairs of nylon stockings and a traycloth spun and woven by Mahatma Gandhi. Queen Mary was concerned by the present from the sub-continent. She pronounced the gift "indelicate", thinking the Princess had been presented with a loin cloth.

illions of people had listened to every detail of the radio. Half a century on Prince Edward is too discreet to express more than mild disappointment that the BBC has not seen fit to record the celebration of his parents'

anniversary.

He says: "It is a shame; this is a unique event and television companies around the world would have been very interested in buying in.

interested in buying in.
"We at Ardent said we would do it and I had very clear ideas about what I wanted, and very clear ideas about the production team we would put together.

But the public can still be a part of what is essentially a public event. Tickets are available for the gala and I really want to encourage people to come along.

"If they miss the gala, on Thursday. November 20, the day of the anniversary, there will be a service at Westminster Abbey and afterwards the Queen and the Duke will do a walkabout before lunch at the Banqueting House.

"Then there is a ball at Windsor, the first such event since the fire five years ago. Obviously though, that is a family celebration."

So, has such intimate and time-consuming involvement with planning his parent's golden wedding celebrations turned the Prince's mind to the subject of his own marriage?

"I know when the interview is over," he says with a resigned sigh. "Someone always asks when I intend to get married."

◆ Tickets for the Royal Gala are available from the Festival Hall box office. Prices are from £10 to £400 (the latter including dinner). For further information call



The royal golden wedding celebrations started early with an Anniversary Garden Party at the Palace last July

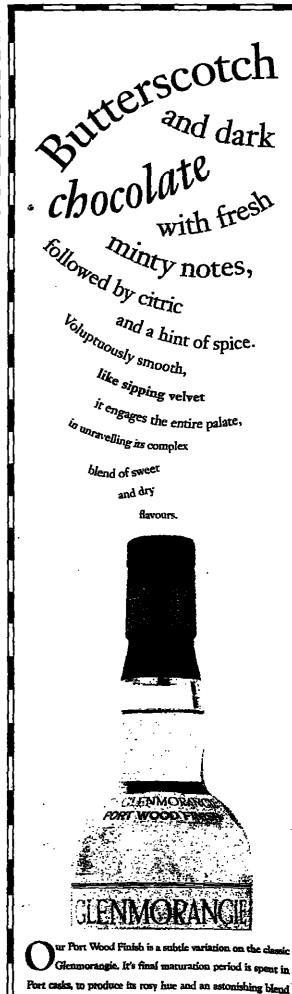


Royal Gala guests, I to r. Queen Sonja and King Harald of Norway, and King Carl Gustav and Queen Sylvia of Sweden





Also present at the gala night: Queen Sophie and King Juan Carlos of Spain, and Queen Noor and King Husain of Jordan



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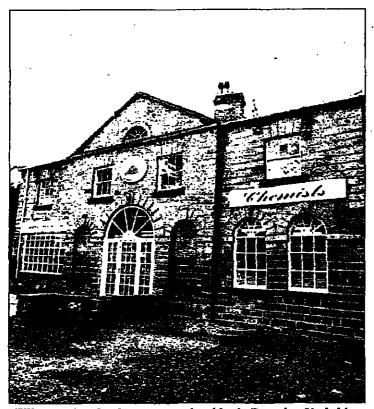
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Ellison's Chemists in a converted stables in Barnsley. Yorkshire

Howzat for beating Delhi belly?

Michael Cable meets cricket umpire Dickie Bird and the chemist who keeps him fit at the wicket

mpiring a World Cup cricket match at Bangalore in India, with the sun nudging the temperature to 110F and more than 85,000 fans going delirious all around the ground, is no time to get caught short by a sudden attack of Delhi

This is one good reason why globe-trotting Dickle Bird, the world's most famous cricket umpire, would never dream of flying off abroad without first visiting Bryan Ellison, his local chemist back home in Barnsley, Yorkshire. He has always looked after me making sure I'm well stocked up with all the pills and other stuff I need to keep going," Mr Bird says.
When he retired from internation-

al cricket last year at the age of 64. Mr Bird had officiated in a record number of 66 Test matches, 92 oneday internationals and three World Cup finals. One series of matches took him around the world in 30 days and he has regularly found himself in places where "the runs" have nothing to do with cricket.

"As the umpire. I just couldn't afford to get ill in the middle of a match, says Mr Bird, who is accompanied everywhere by a large bag of medications supplied by his

ABOVE: Mulberry's 4oz hip flask, £65 in walnut leather, darkens with

age and even looks good when stained by alcohol. The lid is

attached, which makes it useful

when struggling with gloves (0171-493 2546).

RIGHT: The cartridgeshaped tot flask, £2.99, is small

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old friend Mr Ellison. These include everything from industrial-strength cod-liver oil to keep his joints well lubricated, kaolin tablets for the stomach, a Listerine gargle to ease chronic sinus problems exacerbated by dust thrown up from dry pitches. pills for the travel sickness from which he suffers very badly, malaria tablets and assorted painkillers, throat pastilles and tonics.

Mr Ellison, who was one of the guests when Mr Bird appeared on This Is Your Life, says: "It's not that he's a hypochondriac. He is just very conscientious and wants to do everything he can to stay fit. Otherwise, he would feel he had let the side down."

Theirs is more than just an overthe-counter relationship. They grew up together in Barnsley, and Mr Bird, the son of a miner, was born

Dickie Bird with Bryan Ellison in his shop. "Bryan has always looked after me, making sure I'm well stocked up with all the pills I need" and grew up 200 yards from where Mr Ellison now has his premises in a converted stable block. It is an oldfashioned, no-nonsense pharmacy that doesn't believe in trying to sell such products as cosmetics and shampoos. "People who are ill don't want to wait for someone to choose a lipstick before they get their pre-

time, and the two of L them retire to an upstairs room for a chat. "I like to think that this is a haven for him where he can come and talk things over." Mr Ellison says, recalling the time when Mr Bird was agonising over whether to accept a lucrative offer to join the Kerry Packer cricket circus.

scription," Mr Ellison says..

he did a rebel tour to South Africa. "I was offered a lot of money, enough to keep me comfortably for many years, but I think I made the right decision," he reflects. "I couldn't turn my back on the established game I was brought up with."

Mr Bird was a useful batsman with both Yorkshire and Leicestershire until a knee injury forced him to retire at 32, but it wasn't until he donned the umpire's white coat that he became a star, universally respected by the players for his judgment, and adored by the public for his idiosyncratic style.

Good umpires are born, not made, he thinks. "It's a gift from the good Lord," he says, adding that he has a very strong religious faith. "Apart from that, it's mainly a matter of concentration, common

judgment. The players have taken to the doldrums." Mr Bird has one last me because I've always treated them with respect and they have returned that respect. I chat to them all and I try to smile a bit. Sport, after all. should be about enjoyment."

e is effortlessly impartial on the field. "It never really enters my mind who's bowling and who's batting," he insists. He would, nevertheless, love to see England do well. He says: "The reason the Australians are so good is that they play hard and they are mentally tough. Our players need to be the same and to start believing in themselves. We need an all-rounder to replace Ian Botham and we need a supremo like Mike Brearley, With him at the helm, I am certain that English cricket would be lifted out of

ABOVE:

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£29, slips comfortably into your

top inside pocket and is a stylish

way of combining a

quick tipple with the

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/www.initialideas.co.uk)

season in county cricket before he retires. An emotional man, he shed tears when he walked out at Lords to umpire his final Test, and the handkerchief will no doubt be out again when he draws stumps for the last time. "Cricket has been my life, that's why I never married; I was married to cricket," he says, adding

that his only regret in life is that he has not had a family. "it will be a wrench when I have to call it a day but I hope to be involved in the game in some way. Apart from that, I'll just go on travelling the world and watching cricket." And still taking the tablets, no doubt

Bryan Ellison, Chemist, 17
Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S70 2LT
(01226,281666); open Mon-Fri, 8.30am-6.30pm, Sat 8.30am-12.30pm.



as much furniture, stretching it to bursting point. Here I was tempted by two chests of drawers — £95 the pair, a sideboard for £75.

It took three tours of the shop before I made my final choice a 1940s bureau' for £49; upholstered bedroom stool for £15 and two plaster cher-ub heads for £30. And there was still money left over for fish and chips.

> HELEN CHISLETT

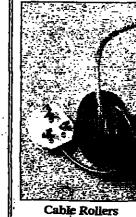
Browser's, 57 High Street, Hastings, East Su (01424-430455), Anker Antiques & Collectibles A High Street Hastings, East Sus. (VI424-432039).

GADGETS

"IN THE home, trailing cables are accidents in waiting," warns the blurb for Cable Rollers. These look like hollow yoyos into which surplus cable can be reeled by the tidy-minded.

Since my house seems to have more dangling wires and cables than the London Electricity Board, I felt sure Cable Rollers would come in handy. But the squashed brown balls look little better than a few lengths of wire, which are usually tucked out of sight any way. The Cable Roiler is not suitable for mains cables, only those carrying less than 1,000 Watts. In contrast, most

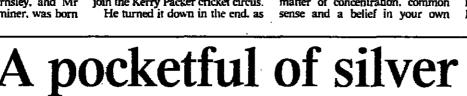
houses now have a proliferation of remote control



handsets, like those for the television, hi-fi and satellite box. The One For All 6 remote promises to replace up to six units with one, but the idea soon ran aground in

Keying in codes for each piece of hardware should be simple, but i couldn't find the code formy beg-standard JVC hifi. As I started to call the helpline, it struck me that even if all the hardware was married to the One For All 6, the full range of options would be omitted in the downsizing process, and iew coach potatoes can accept that.

TIM WAPSHOTT € Cable Rollers £8.95 for three, plus pop, from The Maritime Company (01993 770450). One For All 6 remote E39.95, plus p&p. from Innovations



hen buying a hip flask it is important to bear in mind how you use your pockets. Lots of men never recover from their schoolboy habit of stuffing their trousers with conkers. bits of string, matchbox cars and protractors. The ingredients might change with age. but the habit of stuffing can last a lifetime.

Another consideration is how much you drink. There-are those who like to keep copious draughts on board as they wade through the duck hunting grounds of the west of Ireland. Then there are the phoneys who want the odd, naughty sip while whacking off a few rounds at **HIP FLASKS**

a suburban shooting range. To each, however, a flask. When filled the Cartridge Flask looks like a bottle of scent — or worse, something a doctor might provide. At £2.99, it is good value, but if you have an image to maintain, you might be better off with a pocket of miniatures. Another gimmick is Initial

Ideas' cigar case, converted to hold both tobacco and alcohol. Although it looks the part, a couple of glugs and vou will be gasping for replenishment. The wise virgin

for the Mulberry hip flask, which is comfortingly classic as well as being warm in the palm. The Brats flask may look good, but it requires toggles and all sorts of knotting skills: the Tufnell Tweed version would make a ghillie squirm, while the Tesco cylinder flask looks like a cocktail shaker. Martinis can have many effects on the drinker.

Which leaves the Asprey flask. Country sports types have noses as well honed to sniff vulgarity as blood. Who-ever arrived with a £1,900 flask could find the moors a hostile place indeed.

should opt Tufnell Tweeds' (01444 483200) whisky flask,

£35, comes in Frinton or Kidborough tweed to complement most

ABOVE: The black hunting flask, £40, from Tesco Direct (0800 403403/www.tesco.co.uk/direct), holds up to 10oz and, with two stainless stee cups, is useful for sharing with friends. Comes with a shoulder carrying case.

but cockle-warming is not one of them.



traditional hunting outlits.

t is not only biker's chicks who are swathed in hiphugging leather jeans, studded padded-shoul-dered jackets and thigh-high leather boots this season. Designers have taken a shine to the natural softness, yet toughcookie appeal of hide and are using it in both casual and elegant collections, from tas-selled and weathered jackets to eveningwear embellished with beads and brocade. Leather may be synony-mous with wildness, youth and sexual abandon, evoking the days of Marianne Faithfull in Girl on a Motorcycle or tively inexpensive. Diana Rigg in The Avengers,

Going hell for leather



Black leatherette strapless dress, £55; Warehouse, selected branches (0171-278 3491). Pink Lurex cardigan, £59, Kookai

but according to the designer Antonio Berardi it "timeless, expensive necessity that cannot be ignored. It is a reflection of a new "deluxe way of dressing", he says, that is elegant, chic and merely whis-Unlike the Seventies, when

leather was patched dyed and sewn together in multicol-oured patchworks, the Eighties when it was white and bejewelled, or the early Nineties when designers such as Versace embelished it with gold, tassels and a helty price tag, the late Nineties look is pared down, elegant and rela-

The clothes are not only unembellished, they are simply styled and sharply cut, emphasising the texture and softness of the material. Jackets are tailored to fit the body, with simple lapels and fitted sleeves: trousers are slimline, with minimal detailing. Dresses are strapless, figurehugging and cut to flaunt womanly curves.

It is a look embraced by almost every designer: Ralph Lauren has simple black T-shirt shift dresses; Joseph matt black mini-skirts; Hermes thigh-high slit, ankle-length skirts; Clements Ribeiro

bejewelled evening dresses; Jil Sander pearl-coloured jackets. High-street chains are embracing the colours and styles flaunted on the catwalks: "bandeau" dresses, micro skirts, shorts, hipsters and eans in every hue from chocolate browns and blacks to midnight blues, lipstick reds, yel-

lows and even raspberry pinks. For fashion freaks who will not even consider wearing leather, there is a range of authentic-looking fakes on the high streets: faux snakeskin, shiny plastic, PVC, and even rubber, many for less than £100. Markets are also stuffed with good secondhand jackets. pants and shirts in Seventies styles which can be easily updated with toned-down con-

temporary touches. Worn with understated iewellery, this year's essential killer heels and lots of attitude, it is a look that every Nineties girl can get away with, whether its worn for clubbing or smartened up for the office.

Leather doesn't mean you will instantly turn into a sex kitten. But with its soft, natural feel, its figure-hugging snugness, and that high-in-ducing smell, it is irresistible.

LISA GRAINGER



Photographs by Richard Burns, Hair and make-up by Sally Kvalhe for Jo Hansford (0171-495 7774). Styling by Amandip Uppai

IN FRANCE,

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THE SECONSECT

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Chocolate metallic PVC coat, £119.99; matching trousers. £59.99, Morgan, branches nationwide (0171-383 2888). Mustard fine wool crepe-knit vest, £149, TSE, Harvey Nichols, London fine wool, Ether with the coaters of


ABOVE: black soft-leather jacket with Velcro fastening, £1,180; matching ankle-zip Gucci, 33 Old Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 2716). Black stretch sparkle vest. £39.99, Kookai, branches nationwide (0171-937 4411)

LEFT: brown

studded-leathe acket, £600, Plein Sud, 12 St Christopher's, Place, W1; Harrods, SW1 (0171-487 4484). Pale camel rollneck, £34.99, Kookai, as before. Brown soft leather, skirt, £320, John Richmond, Selfridges, W1 (0171-978 5278). Pale brown leather boots, £175, Russell & Bromley selected branches nationwide (0171-629 6903)

RIGHT: Burgundy stretch lace T-shirt, £39.99. Kookaī, as before. Metallic blue mini skirt. £29.99,



THREE OF A KIND

IF YOU don't want to go the whole hog and wear an entire leather outfit, a hint of hide will do. Simple, soft-leather clutch bags are not only big enough for daytime, but chic enough for evening. Here are three of the best. L.G



Chocolate leather Peron clutch bag. £295, Mulberry, 41-42 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-491 3900)



Gold leather clutch bag, £49.99, Klan, Alders, branches nationwide (0181-681 2577)



Red soft leather ctutch bag, £80, Dollargrand, Harrods, SW1 (0171-794 3028)*





CANARD-DUCHÈNE. CHAMPAGNE SANS FORMALITÉ.

The couple who are going to seed

Barbara Abbs meets the Archibalds, who dice with danger to

preserve rare plants

ost gardeners are placid people. They reserve their greatest passions for daffodils and azaleas, and their hatred for aphids and slugs. But I wonder if a frisson passes through either the Alpine Garden Society, the Botanic Gardens at Edinburgh or ecologically correct conservation bureaucrats when Jim and Jenny Archibald's new seed list appears?

They might have good reason to. Most commercial catalogues do not begin with "Who cares?". Nor do they go on to attack the administrators of our botanic gardens, now in thrall to fundraisers and dispensing with "curators".

Alongside the descriptions of their travels and detailed notes on plant habitats the couple's lively newsletter gives accounts of Mr Archibald's sparring with the Alpine Garden Society, the present "horto-botanical establishment" and the authors of any books that he considers inadequately researched.

And in recent years he has vigorously defended himself and fellow collectors against those conservationists who object to any form of seed collecting.

Although the collecting of plants has a long history, the gathering of seed has not been so popular. The first gardeners to receive seed of exotic species frequently failed to get it to germinate. Some need precise treatment — for example, periods of stratification in very low temperatures, or being kept in the dark. Discovering the problem was a matter of trial and error. It was easier to keep actual plants alive.

But ecological correctness was one problem that the early plant collectors, such as David Douglas and Frank Kingdon Ward and Pere David, didn't have. Then, whole mule trains staggering under loads of shrubs and bulbs were not considered worthy of comment. Now the world is a more sensitive place.

However. Mr Archibald feels strongly that criticism of professional seed collectors is misplaced. A seed collector would, he says, have to return to the same square yard and remove every seed head, year after year, to destroy a species. In his opinion, the main threat to plant species worldwide is over-grazing by animals. In America there is often too many cattle per acre to allow some species to flourish, and the same can be true of sheep in Wales.

The other big threat is from development. In some cases, gathering the seed of rare species and cultivating it in other parts of the world has ensured its survival. The blue Chilean crocus, Tecophilaea cyanocrocus, was extremely rare



Jim and Jenny Archibald on a seed-collecting expedition in the Van province of Turkey. The province is a no-go area for tourists because of army activity

in its native land but now there are plans to reintroduce it from New Zealand. where it is in cultivation, as it is here.

Many plant species are being preserved by a few thousand specialist gardeners, but to listen to the conservation bureaucrats it sometimes seems as if gardeners are responsible for most of the devastation taking place on the planet.
Of course, we should be alert to the

source of the bulbs we buy, but not all of our purchases result in loss of species. There was an outcry a few years ago when rare bulbous plants began disappearing from parts of Turkey. To the local people the anemones and species tulips that grew wild near their villages were a vital source of income and they were digging up every bulb they could find, even small ones.

A strict conservationist line would have condemned the people to poverty and deprived gardeners of some beautiful plants. Instead, nurseries were set up so that seed could be saved and bulbs grown on to flowering size. Instead of species

being destroyed, they are actively propa-gated and the people have a regular source of income.

In recent years, many of the alpine plant collectors' favourite hunting grounds such as Iran, Iraq and, recently, ugoslavia, have become no-go areas. Like other collectors, the Archibalds have made trips to the mountains of Nevada and Oregon and the highlands of Chile and Ecuador.

eed collecting, like plant collecting, sounds a gentle occupation but is often dangerous. In 1737, the Swedish botanist Linnaeus even wondered about the sanity of collectors: "I am tempted to ask whether men are in their right minds who so desperately risk life and everything else

through their love of collecting plants." The great collectors of earlier times were at risk of being kicked by mules, abandoned by their native guides or of

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Like most collectors, Mr Archibald started young. As a 19-year-old student of English at Edinburgh University, he had a sideline importing uncommon bulbs and selling them by mail order. Since 1986 the couple have been based in mid-Wales.

Archibald seed packets have no instructions or pictures. To find out what conditions the growing plants like, you have to read the catalogue, which offers nearly 50 crocuses, 40 narcissi, colchicums, pages of fritillaries, iris, lilies, muscari and hellebores. Growing these plants from seed is not for the instant gardener. It needs patience and experience, even nerve.

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Two or three yellow roses in succession have failed to thrive in the rose garden at the crematorium where my parents are buried, Can you suggest a vigorous small yellow shrub or miniature standard rose to try? -- Mrs C. Webb, Learnington Spa, War-

Where roses fail to thrive, the best plan is usually to plant something else, but perhaps you do not have that choice? I would contact the gardeners and see how they feel roses do in that garden and on that soil. Most yellow shrub roses, apart from the new 3-4ft English roses like 'Jayne Austin' and 'The Pilgrim', are large shrubs of 6-10ft (Helen Knight, x cantabrigensis, hugonis, ecae, etc), so I wonder too if this is being pruned properly? Is it a big shrub being butchered to keep it small? If the soil is genuinely rosesick, then consult the garden staff about planting other things. If the soil is healthy but poor or sandy, try Dunwich Rose.

My walnuts all get taken by squirrels these days. The tree overhangs a neighbour's garden and she hangs bird nuts in the tree. suraging squirrels early in the year: What can I do? Anything legal considered. — Mrs E. White, Worthing, Sussex.

You could try persuading your, neighbour to move the nuts but I have seen squirrels cross open fields to get to a walnut tree. You could remove the lower branches so that the only way into the crown was up the trunk and then put a downward-sloping collar on the trunk to repel boarders.

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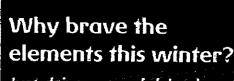
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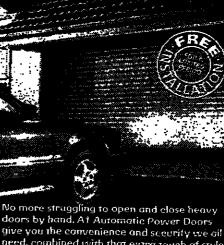
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Can heather be adapted to small

gardens? Stephen Anderton investigates a rural dilemma

he bold use of herbaceous plants has nev-er been more fashionable, whether in the flowering steppes of the new German style or the Rousseauesque banana jungle of Christopher Lloyd's exotic garden. So where does all that leave the poor old heather-and-conifer garden? Is it just old hat?

The garden at Great Comp in Kent, one of the best attempts at heather garden-ing, was made in the 1960s and 1970s around a 17th-century manor house. The garden is in the Domestic Obsessive style: it grew and grew, from a modest, functional area around the house, spreading over fields into seven acres of winding grass paths and vistas, divided by deep shrubberies, each with the maximum complement of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants.

In the early days, heathers were used as a fast and colourful means of treating the open site and acid, sandy soil. Forty years on, mature trees offer shelter and shade, and it is now possible to grow a huge range of herbaceous plants. for sun and shade.

At Great Comp the hardy geranium reigns supreme. The motio Divide and Rule has here been interpreted as Divide, Replant and Rule, and there is an incessant motif of ground-cover throughout the garden. But on dry soil like this there is a need for ground cover to keep in the moisture.

There are also formal, deep, herbaceous borders, and lots of walled and hedged enclosures, which offer interesting lessons in planting for small gardens in town or country. And there are "ruins" everywhere, built by Eric Cameron

who, with his late wife, made the garden and who now heads the charitable trust which manages it. The ruins, or follies, are made of stone found in the garden and old bricks, plastered together with lots of cement to make a pattern of stub walls, derelict

doorways and windows, and elsewhere in the viewing platforms (the garden garden. The best example is the Sweep, a long Recent years have seen the informal vista which runs introduction of a plethora of south from the back of the reconstituted stone urns, house to the boundary trees. A busts, plaques, a "piazza" of red-brick arched walls, Corinbroad serpentine lawn winds its way between deep beds and thian columns, a Victorian promontories of heathers and

tall conifers. It works remarkably well. The vista may not be as open as it was, but there are compensations in the feeling of focus, and the way the trees cast their long, languorous shadows over the lawn at the

end of the day.

Mr Cameron says: "The great photographer Harry Smith saw this garden in 1970. He said: 'Never alter it,' and it hasn't really been altered."

Elsewhere in the garden, heathers are used at a crossroads of broad, straight grass paths, to make an underplanting to a little New York of

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close-fitting skyscraper conifers. The heathers look less at home here, having to meet the

rigid line of a formal path.

I asked Mr Cameron, who runs the garden with a small staff, which planting he was happiest with - the open, informal sweep, or the formal fringe?

"Heathers are suitable for large areas," he says, "but they can be combined, too, with other plants and work well in

smaller gardens." The heather at Great Comp will be replanted as and when

necessary. It is the most peace-

PICK OF THE NEW VARIETIES

PROMISTING new varieties of heathers being grown at Great Comp, Kent, include:

*Erica x darleyensis "*Kramer's Rote' (red). Jan-May, 35cm tall x 60cm across.

Erica cinerea 'Crimson Glow'. June-Oct, 30cm x 45cm.

Erica mackayana 'Shining Light' (white), June-Sept, 25cm

Calluna vulgaris 'White Coral' double, Aug-Oct, 20cm x 40cm.

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ful space of the garden, and the necessary foil for busier areas. Mr Cameron argues against the "heather-is-for-grouse" school of gardeners, who feel heathers have no place away from wild moorland. But he recognises they need every bit of space and light they can get to look comfortable.

The heathers in the Sweep at Great Comp have in some cases been there for 30 years, and are still going strong. Recent drought years have almost driven Mr Cameron to abandon his beloved rhododendrons, which are a main component of the garden, yet the heathers have come through happily enough.

There are old groups of Erica x darlevensis and vagans looking as dense and fresh as they did 25 years ago. Some groups, mostly of callunas, have been periodically replaced, because the tend to become bald at the centre more easily.

Some have needed to be changed for other species as the shade of growing conilers altered their environment. Others, in their attempt to spread over the lawn, have developed a less than attrac-tive vertical face where the lawn mower rubs past them, and some of these have had to be replaced, where pruning

would not cure the problem. The temptation to let the heather soread and the lawn to become more narrow has been resisted; it is the continuing sense of open space these heathers need above all else.

 Great Comp, Wrotham, Kent (01732 886154/882669) is open April I-Oct 31, 1 lam-opm. • The Heather Society may be contacted through the above address, or through the internet heathers@zetnet.co.uk



Eric Cameron (left) and his head gardener, William Dyson, check a patch of Erica ciliaris at Great Comp, Kent

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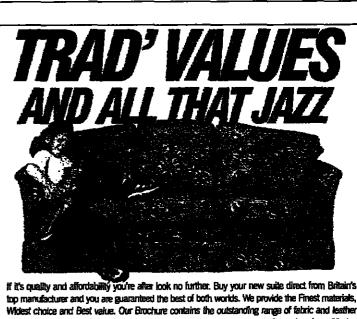


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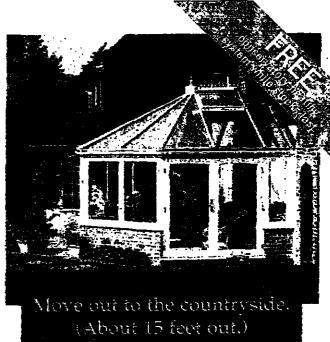




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ME AND MY GARDEN: RODDY LLEWELLYN

The school reports were not promising: the failure to get into the Army was equally disturbing: He is a charming person," wrote Roddy Llewellyn's commanding officer, "but I am afraid that his overall showing was very dismal. He gave the impression he would prefer to make a career in landscape gardening."

And so, 30 years ago, an Army colonel predicted Mr Llewellyn's future in a letter which now hangs above the Llewel-

lyn lavatory. It was a time when such a career was not fashion-But Mr Llewellyn has the knack of floating to the top, however odd the route. Long "paparazzi" the stuff of righteous discussion, he was pursued all

over the world by photographers, fascinated by his close friendship with Princess Margaret. Eventually, he sought refuge at his father's house in Barbados and, from there, was flown to London, where he spent a month in the psychiatric wing of the Char-ing Cross hospital. They all thought I was potty but I don't think there was anything wrong with me," he says.

Now, a week after celebrating his fiftieth year with a bash for friends at his Oxfordshire home, it is all very different. He lives the quiet life. But his enduring interest in landscape gardening is far from a mid-

In the Sixties, he ended up in Surrendell, an upper-crust commune in Wiltshire, where he transformed the surrounding jungle into a productive

There was still a lot of chasing about and candlelit

lunches in the middle of summer with the curtains drawn to stop long lenses," he says. When asked to explain why the lenses were so inter-ested, the Llewellyn jaw clamps shut, still grinning as it does, charmingly, a lot of the

Princess Margaret is a subject which is never, ever mentioned or discussed despite some enticing offers from newspapers and publishers for somebody who has always had to earn his

lîving. "It was a feck-'Plants are less, reckless and totally irrespon-sible time. Then magical one night I was just the way putting on my white tie for the that bare Perth ball and I got telephone call sticks burst saying I had been accepted to study into leaves' horticulture at Merrist Wood. The other students use

to flick rolled-up gossip column cuttings at me." Today, Mr Llewellyn has a full-time landscape design business. He is also working on projects in Austria, America and the Home Counties as well as lecturing, writing books and making a television series about garden design.

His home, bought two years ago after several moves around London with his expanding young family, was a daunting scrub of bramble. nettle, elder, mares' tail and bindweed when he moved in. Now it is half-way to being

an elegant family garden for his wife, Tania, and three children. Throughout the summer the Llewellyns eat out on the terraces. The views from his south-facing, 14thcentury former pub stretch 40 miles to the Lambourn Downs, and underground springs, which once cooled barrels of beer, now keep the



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Roddy Llewellyn in his Oxfordshire garden: "It all started when I was three. Nanny sprinkled seeds around, which then germinated. It was a miracle to me"

worst effects of the prolonged summer droughts at bay.

The potting-shed-cum-greenhouse, transformed by replacing the old roof with seethrough corregated plastic, is the power-house of the garden. In mid-autumn it is filled with tomato plants, red peppers. rocket, basil and some pot plants. which will eventually be transferred into the house. such as Datura geraniums,

ferns and agapanthus.

It is a far cry from his childhood home, where teams gardeners kept the Llewellyn family supplied with produce from a large kitchen garden. There, in Wales, the young Roddy was eventually given his very own greenhouse (it was a combined birthday and Christmas present) mainly because his cacti collection was getting in everyone's way in the

"I used to get first prize for

my cacti at the Abergavenny County Show, he says proudly. The tough, low-maintenance plants were ideal for the young Roddy when he went away to his "horrible schools".

"At my first term at Shrewsbury. I bought a little Swiss cheese plant and I sat it on my desk. It was my only friend, I hated that place so much. For a start no one went hunting. Can you imagine?" The big teasing grin appears. He goes out of his way to be extremely politically incorrect and, si-

multaneously, courteous. The main lawn in front of Mr Llewellyn's house is plain. To the east of the long, thin garden, which runs along the edge of the ridge on which the house sits, are two white and silver beds: pansies and tobacco plants, climbing roses, Sombreuil and Boule de Neige, and the Hemorocallis Joan Senior. A low, white gate leads to the circular lawn

surrounded by vegetables, golden raspberries and late lowering perennials.

In the centre of the garden is large round pond, with a fountain trickling lazily in the middle, surrounded by a concentric circle of yews. A yew alley leads directly into this area from one end of the house and out the other side of the circle towards an apricot with

like a walking dia. "Just look at this Kniphofia 'Little Maid' isn't it pretty? And this good yellow climber, Jasminum officinale Fiona Sunrise."

On the far side of the pond are vestigial compost heaps made from pallets. "I am going to add ball finials and the remains of an old apple orchard." Beyond the apricot is a wilderness, including the burst into leaves. In our next, November, price 19.99,

village's sewage works, now defunct. At the front of the house are

low, box-edged beds with topiary pigs and chickens picking their way over clumps of the low-growing silver-leaved Cerastium tomentosum. "It is one of the few silver-leaved plants that thrives in dense shade." A single red climbing rose, 'Dortmund', is used to complement the Cotswoldstone wall and, on the outer side of the boundary wall, is a planting of golden feverfew

and Alchemilia mollis. "it all started when I was three," he says. "Namy Llewellyn bought a packet of seed. We sprinkled it on the ground beside the summerhouse - where we went to play - then they started to germinate. The whole thing was such a miracle to me. still find plants magical - the

way that bare sticks can just

house we planted peach stones in the kitchen garden. It was a risk but they all grew well and we had lots of fine crops."

Inside the house, a beautiful waterfall of grey Sedum morganianum decorates the corner of the breakfast-room. It came as a cutting from the late Lady Rothermere's Beverly Hills garden.

"I was courting Tania in Hollywood and the people I was to have stayed with didn't have a bed. So I went to the Beverly Hills hotel and there was Lady Rothermere. She put me up in the hotel for the night and took me home the following day, and that is where I got the cutting." Seventeen years later, th

plant is a reminder of Mr Liewellyn's wilder days.

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should be allowed to die down in a cool place

under glass. ■ Where eel worm is a problem, lift the tubers of store them in a dry, dark them fresh from the groun Remove leaves regularly from fine lawns, and stack in bin bags or chicken win frames, where they can

rot down.

Continue to mow lawns if necessary, with a light machine. The best machin nathing in the cest mannie at this time of year is a rotary, set high, and used in dry, windy, frost-free weather. Collect all the

clippings.

Mark the position of plants disappearing below ground for the winter, such as tilies, with a piece of cane or stick. It will save you from putting the fork through them next spring Wooden garden furniture staying outside over winter should be given a coat of preservative now, to repel water and

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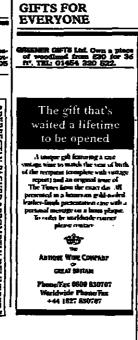
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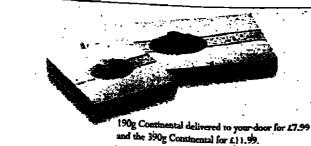
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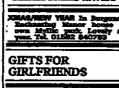




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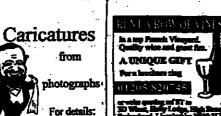




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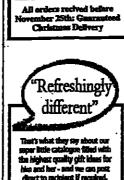
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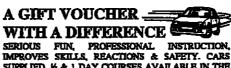
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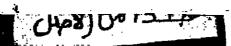


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Far left: the terraced

Alexander McCieen bought for cash.

Centre left: shirts and jackets on metal clothes

ironing board in sight. Bottom left: modelling a McQueen creation.

Left: the designer in his

EastEnders on TV and

element, in bed with

with dog Minter

DENZIL MANEELANCE

house in Islington

rails - and not an

McQueen was appointed chief designer at Givenchy last year, the fashion crowd flipped. How, they asked, could this 27-year-old. bovver-booted. East End lad succeed Monsieur Scissors himself. Hubert de Givenchy? While they agonised. McQueen himself was hotfooting it down to the estate agents of Islington.
It was the first thing I did

when Givenchy signed me," he says, "I'd always wanted a place of my own. The agents were thinking who the hell is this? But then I offered to pay for the house right there. The whole deal was done in a

It is easy to understand why the estate agents were sceptical. McQueen does not look like a man with money to throw at a house. Chunky. crew-cut and slightly on the short side, he comes downstairs at his home, on a quiet terraced street in Islington, blinking into the sun like a

He is suffering from the effects of flu and is wearing a blue bathrobe. Yet he is infectiously enthusastic, polite and charming ... in a thuggish sort of way. His appearance and manner are far removed from the flouncing queenery of the Lagerfelds and Gallianos.

Hardly pausing for breath in the wake of rave reviews of his Paris shows and being voted co-designer of the year alongside John Galliano. he has just sent his menswear designs to the manufacturers. He follows that by producing two more collections, then jets off to Russia on a promotional tour for Givenchy and an advertising campaign with Richard Avedon.

McQueen has a grace-and-favour Givenchy flat in the Place des Vosges for his frequent jaunts to Paris. Islington, however, is home, and it is all spareness and calm.

He lives with his friend Murray Arthur, a demure Scot who keeps an eye on the accounts for the designer, and his dog, called Minter after boxer Alan Minter. Minter is limping after slipping by the home of McQueen's close friend, the stylist Issy Blow.

Arthur and McQueen used to live in a warehouse in Hoxton Square, the now hipgrindingly fashionable area of East London where McQueen is originally from. Before that, McQueen lived in a flat on Highbury Fields, giving him a taste for this corner of northeast London.

"You should have seen this place when we moved in," says



McQueen. A large blue tattoo of a koi carp across his left pectoral peeps from under his dressing gown as he waves his arm across the sitting room. "Ir was totally Margot and Jerry 1970s. Green carpets, green cupboards, cupboards everywhere. It was horrible." In came the decorators, who ripped out the Margot and

Jerry, painted the walls white, reconditioned the floorboards. stripped down the shutters and left a groovy shell for McQueen's lazily expensive

"Alexander just goes out and buys himself things when he's been working hard," says Arthur, sitting on a tan Matthew Hilton sofa, beside a fire of smokeless fuel.

The designer clearly enjoys his sprees. In one corner of the room, along from the Le Corbusier black leather couch, is a wall-mounted Bang and Olutsen CD player. "Look at this, says McQueen. He waves his hand in front of the glass doors of the machine, which magically slide open. On the floor are a pile of dance

music CDs. Big clubbers then? "No way," says Arthur. "We go to parties we feel we should go to, but otherwise we like coming home and watching EastEnders and Brookside with a cup of tea." They should keep this quiet, or word will get out that fashion's enfant is

The television is also Bang and Olufsen and swivels on a revolving steel base. McQueen, though, refuses to have satellite television. People can waste their whole lives flipping between all those

not so terrible.

videos beside the television, about half of them Carry On films. They're Murray's." McQueen. I prefer stuff like The Killing Fields."

On the walls are photographs by Phil Pointer and Simon Costin, and a morose, grey bust by Colin Glenn. Over the fireplace is a large photograph of McQueen himself, looking demonically cherubic, in a dark Jacobean

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

frame. It is the sort of picture you could imagine on "Wantposters around the East "Babyface McQueen: wanted for murder, extortion and burnster trousers."

Upstairs are three rooms and a bathroom. One room is for the dog and contains a basket and red leather Mies van der Rohe armchair. Another is the wardrobe room, where the floor lies thick with trainers and T-shirts. Rows of multi-coloured Puffa jackets hang along metal clothes rails. The world's hottest young designer clearly does not care much for ironing.

The bathroom is large, square and Swedish in feel. 'Never got round to installing

the Jacuzzi," shouts McQueen. who is already disappearing into his bedroom.

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Madonna once wrote that it was impossible to sleep well in: Gianni Versace's bedroom because of the energy fizzing around the bed. McQueen's bedroom is disconcerting not so much for its creative fizz as for the alligator heads on show in surgical cabinets and the enormous, close-up photograph of a male bottom. When my little niece comes round, she says it looks like a flower," says McQueen beam-

ing up at the work. The fussier interiors buff might say the room is dominated by the television. The set and its stand are about five feet tall by three feet wide and the sort of thing the Rolling

Stones might use on stage. The dark, wooden bed is

French, 1730s and decorated with cherubs. "I love mixing all this old stuff with the modernism," says McQueen.

The basement kitchen and dining room contain a tank of colourful marine fish and, of course, another television. At the back of the house is a conservatory leading on to a small, terraced garden ornamented only by two hurricane lamps hanging from a magnolia tree.

Despite feeling awful, the

designer is now dressed in combat trousers, green shirt, two pairs of socks and maroon DMs and ready to head for work at his own label, McQueen, in Old Street. His words are broken up by smuffles and he keeps passing his

hand under his running nose. "I want a bigger space, but I do like this place," he says.

Nostalgia, however, is not something he can afford right now. He must go to see his new lawyer, a Frenchman. "He works for Karl Lagerfeld and Christian Lacroix." McQueen is clearly still gobsmacked by the way his career

has turned so stellar so fast. "This bloke's flown in specially to see me. Don't know how Yachts, Manhattan apartments, villas on the Mediterranean all could be in

McQueen's grasp before long. Somehow, however, it is hard to imagine him happier than when copped out in bed with a cup of tea, watching Pauline Fowler's turbulent lifestyle unfold on the world's largest

■ The house is available through Winkworth, Islington (0171-354) 2480) for around £350,000.

THOSE who took an early stake in the gentrification of Islington must feel pleased with themselves. Property.values have appreciated faster there than anywhere else in north London over the past few years. Frequent sightings of Tony Blair and his acolytes in trendy Upper Street restaurants helped to boost its cachet, and it has become favoured by media and creative types. They rub shoulders with financiers for whom proximity to the Square Mile makes the area an

obvious choice. City workers plug into the Northern line at the Angel at the top of Upper Street, a four-stop journey to Oxford Circus on the Victoria line. Soho is a £5 cab ride away.

Islington's most popular enclaves are the garden squares and leafy roads of Barnsbury and Canonbury, where Georgian and early Victorian houses and conversions have attracted an eelectic mix of families and singles, including a subdantial gay community.



Michael Kitterhing, of the estate agents Winkworth, says: "We have seen a migration of buy-ers from west London because, although prices have risen strongly, they are still some way behind those in Notting Hill and Kensington."

Expect to pay at least £250,000 for even the most mundane house. however. In the Barnsbury and Canonbury conservation areas, a two-bedroom Georgian cottage will cost E300,000; four or fivebedroom period family homes with pretty gardens have guide prices of £450,000 upwards.

Mildmay is another popular growth enclave. and the area south towards King's Cross is also burgeoning patchily as its renaissance gets under way. "I sold a twobedroom maisonette for £92,000 there recently, and one just round the corner fetched £170,000". Mr Kitterhing says.

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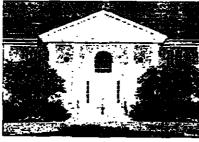
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BUSINESSMAN Joe Lewis, born in the East End to a pub landlord and now No 1 in the Sunday Times Rich List. lives with his wife in a £15 million property on New Providence in the Bahamas. Also owns homes in Florida, Buenos Aires and London, and a £40 million art collection.



MICHAEL CAINE, son of a Billingsgate fish porter, lives in a Grade II listed 17thcentury country rectory in North Stoke, Oxfordshire. The property bought for £400,000 in 1984, is now on the market at 2 million. It includes a swimming pool, tennis court and guest cortage.



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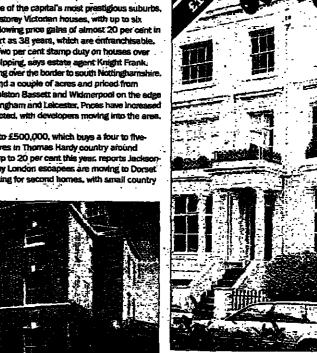
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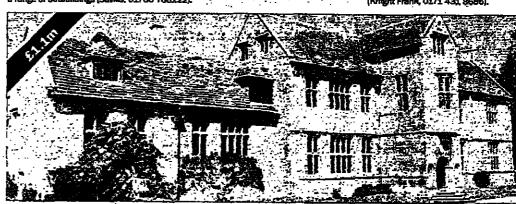
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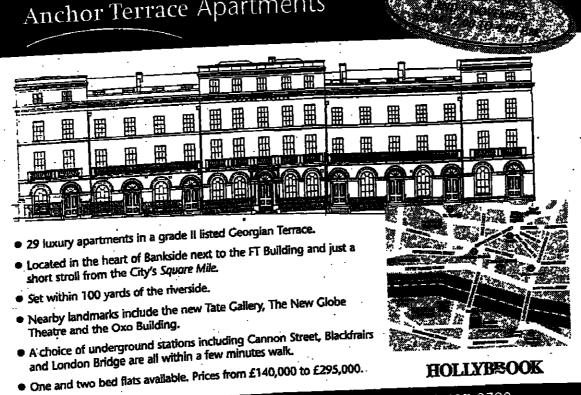
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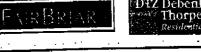
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A dearth of country houses has meant old farm buildings being moved across land and sea for restoration, says Cheryl Taylor

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The artist David Shepherd in his studio: the barn was moved from Ockley to Hascombe, Surrey

Barn door opens again

The barn conversions fad started to become fashionable in the Eighties when buyers, hungry for something different, snapped up redundant farm buildings "going for a song" and turned them into gents of tradition and rural comfort.

Farmers soon realised that there was money to be made from their old hay stores, cowsheds and pigsties and prices started to rise. Soon, it was not uncommon for a run-down barn to fetch £75,000 or more. But by the early Nineties, barn conversions had fallen out of vogue and prices dropped. Now, there is an upturn in demand for unconverted barns, especially those with exposed beams, mainly because of a shortage of quality houses for sale in country areas, and prices are rising fast,

The demand is so great that some buyers are beginning to buy buildings from abroad, taking them apart brick by brick and rebuilding a perfect French barn in England. A small, single-storey timber-framed barn in its raw state in

Britain will set you back at least E80,000 on a quarter-acre plot in areas such as Kent and Sussex, where demand is particularly high. A two-storey barn on half an acre will cost about £120,000; up to £150,000 for an acre, £200,000 with a paddock.

Some barns come with outline planning consent; anything listed architecturally will be a more difficult planning proposition.

"Many old barns need to be underpinned, and it is often simpler to to knock them down and start again on new footings, says Gavin Selbie, of the estate agent Knight Frank at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, which reports strong demand for Kentish barns.

These complications, and the dwindling supply of redundant farmbuildings suitable for conversion in the southeast of England, is encouraging some British buyers to look across the Channel for their dream home. Graham Moore, an architect, of Cranleigh, Surrey, buys old French barns, dismantles them and reassembles them at new sites in England.

Mr Moore's barns come from the calvados country around Lisieux, Normandy, an area bristling with traditional colombage (half-tim-bered) farmbuildings that are ripe for renovation.

A large, two-storey. French oakframed barn or granary about 68ft

square foot delivered to its new site in this country. "We are salvaging barns that are under threat. Many of these ancient French barns are very beautiful and would probably be listed in Britain. The cost of conversion is a deterrent in rural France where country houses are thick on the ground and relatively cheap. We obtain permission from the town hall to dismantle them. and there are no legal fees, because

no land changes hands," Mr

Moore says.
He adds, however, that the French are becoming increasingly aware of their architectural héritage and are snapping up redundant buildings and moving them with-

There is a finite supply of such unrestored rusticity, but Norman barns are plentiful and relatively offering an oak-framed 18th-century pressour (cider-pressing barn), which would convert barn). into a two-storey, 2,300 sq ft, threebedroom house, at £35,000.

He estimates that the cost of conversion would be about Ell0,000, plus architect fees of £4,000, and £110,000 to £120,000 for a half-acre building plot in southeast England. The barn is supplied dismantled,

with a photographic record of all stages. The timbers are labelled for re-erection in England, along with any salvaged antique clay roof tiles and the brick plinth wall on which the barn sits.

their barn in France before they buy, and to watch the dismantling. It takes his team of five French

and English craftsmen about a week to dismantle a barn. The torchis (straw and clay) infill between the beams is beaten out and replaced with rendered concrete or wattle and daub in the traditional manner when the barn is rebuilt on

Alternatively, the barn can be covered in stained timber weatherboarding, with the oak beams exposed inside.

Mr Moore says he can help find a suitable building plot in England, apply for 'French planning permission on your behalf, design and oversee the project, or work with your own barns are architects. He can also beautiful recommend a local builder to do the work. and can be After the foundations have been dug, the frame is put together on

its new lootings and cheap reconstructed brick plinth wall. Insulation, ielt and weatherboarding can then be added to the sides and the roof, along with the

original roof tiles. Erecting the barn takes ten days. Fitting it out, up to six months.

The main barn doors can be reconstructed on hinges and fastened back against the walls of the barn, so that the opening can have a double-height glazed window. Hayloft doors can be treated in the same way, giving the windows a natural appearance, so that the agricultural character of the barn is apparent when viewed from a tance. It can also be closed up

important security consideration in

a remote location. Extensions built in seasoned oak. creating an L-shaped constuction, can accommodate bathrooms and kitchens, retaining the open space

and light in the main living areas. Sturdy wooden stairways are included in many French barns, but interiors do not have to be traditional. Heavy oak timbers make a superb hackdrop when juxtaposed with high-tech steel bridges sus-

pended between galleries. The cost of the completed barn will depend on land value and the standard of finish required. A superior four-bedroom barn will set you back about E170,000, plus land costs of around £120,000 for a halfacre plot. But, for £290,000 you get something very special.

or those who prefer an English barn. Perer Barker. a specialist in antique, oakframed agricultural build-ing relocation, offers a plethora of dismantled buildings — many stored in the yard around his home.
an oak-framed Elizabethan Grade II listed house in Dunsfold, Surrey. which he saved from a road widening scheme more than 20 years ago.

He rescues old agricultural buildings, mostly oak-framed, from all over England and Wales - anything from a 16th-century Sussex barn to an 18th-century cart shed from the Welsh borders, or a 19thcentury granary.

You can even mix and match, with a wing of an old cattle shed attached to a 17th-century two-storey Kentish barn, to form an L-shaped building. Mr Barker has rebuilt barns to

cover everything from a swimming pool for Paolo Gucci, at Rusper, West Sussex, to a cricket pavilion, a garden centre and a winnery. He moved a barn from Ockley to Hascombe in Surrey to create a north-facing studio for the artist David Shepherd. Paul McCartney also has one of his 300-year-old Sussex barns at his farm in Peasmarsh, East Sussex.

Although Mr Barker can build a

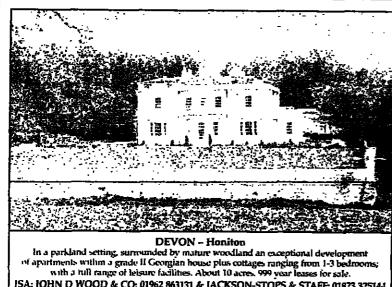
small, pak-framed, two-bedroom, single-storey - barn for under £150,000, most of his barns cost a lot more. Expect to pay up to £250,000 for a 2,500 sq ft, high-spec two-storey barn, plus the cost of the land.

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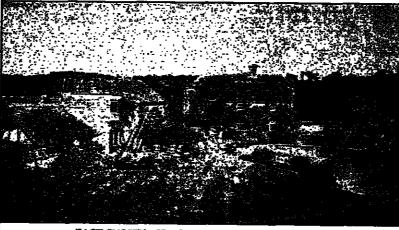
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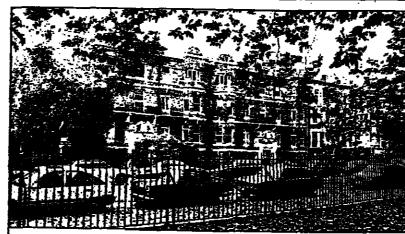
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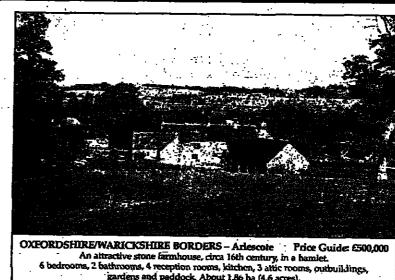
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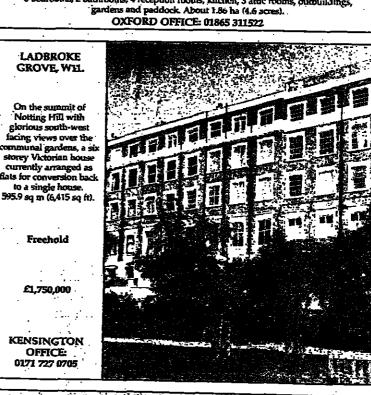
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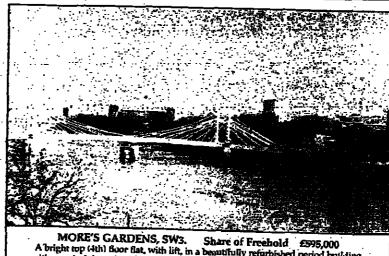


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Capital growth halted

may have bounced back, but, its rolercoaster ride over the past few days has made estate agents nervous. Just when the boys in braces had got used to being popular at dinner parties again; they are wondering if the property market will be the next to wobble.

Smart operators realise that it already has - especially at the top end. Over the past few weeks, the telephones have been quieter in the offices of agents in Knightsbridge. Belgravia, Kensington and St John's Wood.

"A jittery London stock market makes buyers in central London more cautious." says Yolande Barnes. Savills' head of research. But a downward correction was widely expected in the stock mar-

ket. We expect the rate of growth in London prices to slow next year."

Ed Mead, from the Chelsea agents Douglas & Gerdon, reports that solicitors have seen several deals falling through deals falling through as buyers pulled out this week,

Falls in the market decrease the wealth of Mr. Prime Buyer, Ms Barnes says. Savills is predicting that London prices will rise by just 2 per cent next year, compared with rises this year of around 20 per

cent.

There's no doubt that some types of property in central London have been overvalued," snys Roderick Craggs from Knight Frank's Kensington office. "Agents overvalued to get instructions in a market where there is still not much up for

Buyers from the world of

Ripples from a rocky week on the stock market are already reaching estate

so, according to Dorene Yn Toh, sales director of the Singaporean firm LCR developments. "They may wish to liquidate their assets fairly quickly to sort out their cash flow," she says.

Vulnerable schemes will be new

developments that rely on sales in

southeast Asia, especially those in

agents, says Rachel Kelly

financial services, most sensitive to stock market change, are already fewer — now they account for 34 per cent of buyers in central London: in 1994, they made up 41 per cent, Savills figures show.

Another warning sign is that rental yields are falling, and are now near their all-time low in 1989. "This indicates that rents, while rising, have not kept pace with capital value increases," Ms Barnes says. "It is a strong sign that prices may be too high."

Still, the City has had an excep-tionally good year, says Henry Holland-Hibbert from Lane Fox, and agents are still expecting a flurry of business to coincide with the announcements of City bonuses, probably early next year.

Developers are feeling even more uncertain than agents. Many of their boyers are investors from the Far East who have bought at schemes, such as Regalian's dev-elopment, Galliard's development at County Hall, and St George's scheme at Metro Central in the Elephant and Castle, But Far Easterners have been hit by the double whammy of the collapse of the Hang Seng index and the fall in the value of their currencies.

"They will probably stop buying central London developments from architects' drawings because they won't have any spare cash from



untried areas. Some developers will now be holding sites in areas with little hope of being developed.

Had the Hang Seng's crash happened four years ago, the effects on developers would have been more dramatic. But as Loma

Vestey from Knight Frank points out. London is now less dependent on foreign buyers, and the propor-tion of UK buyers has risen steadily over the past year. Buyers in the mainstream mar-

ket outside London need have no fears. In the wake of the building society privatisation, there are now about 18 million British shareholders, but few have holdings big enough to affect house-buying.
"Mr Average will hardly be touched," says Ms Barnes. "I don't

think the vagaries of the stock market will alter the fact that we

expect a bounce-back in the prices n the mainstream market." Sue Anderson, from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, says that those with endowment mortgages should not panic, as many investments are long-term and will

Of more long-term importance to the market is what happens to interest rates. The Chancellor's announcement that we will join the ERM later rather than sooner implies a period of low interest rates, which in turn should result in a healthy housing market. Savills is forecasting a 15 per cent rise in the mainstream market next year.

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Selling up: Paula Yates

PAULA YATES has found a buyer for her period four-bed-room house in Redburn Street. Chelsea; it is believed to have been sold by John D. Wood for close to the £770,000 guide price. Yates moved back into the house that had been her and former husband Bob Geldof's marital home as part of their divorce deal; Geldof moved into a small flat owned by her current love, Australian and INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence.

IVANA TRUMP is househunting in South Kensington. The former wife of Donald Trump is hoping to transform a run-down property with the help of her interior decorator.

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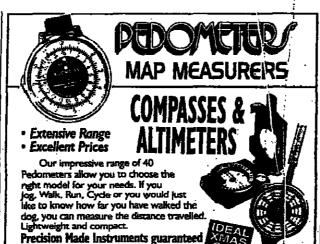
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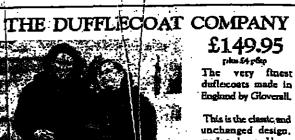
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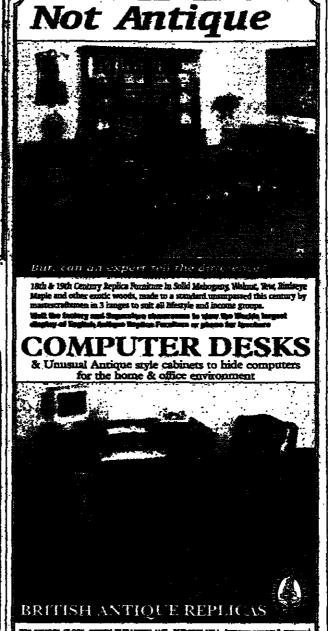


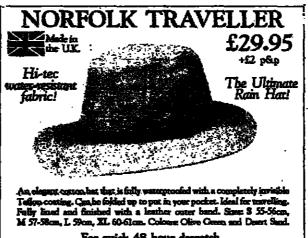
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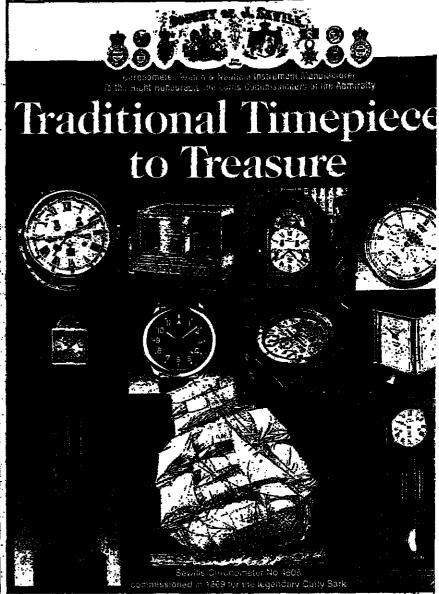




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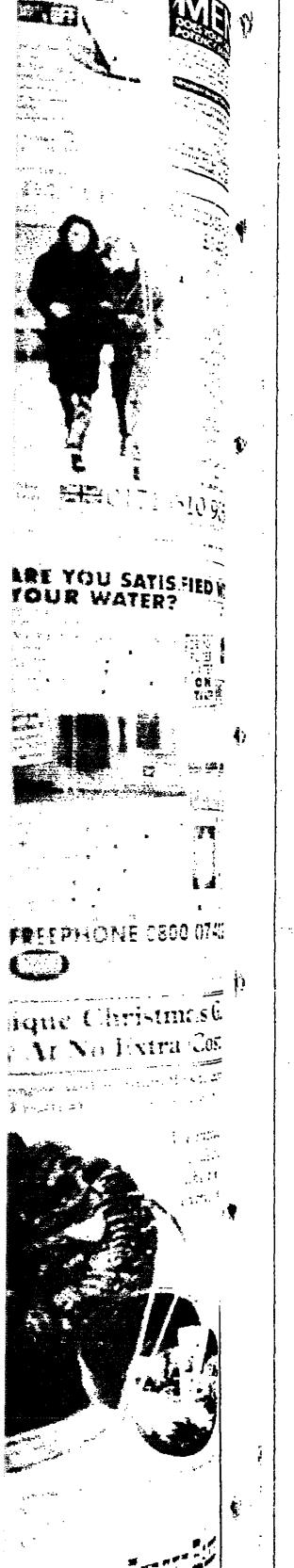
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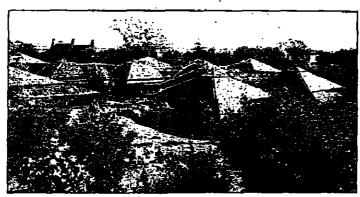
Jack Crossley visits

Waltham Centre,

where animals enjoy five-star treatment

Tyou want to see these cats I win have to ask you take a sh. ver." says Jo Wills. I was ady wearing a white smock and plastic overshoes during a visit to Britain's most pampered pers at the Waltham Centre for Pet Natrition, near Grantham. But these are were about to have kittens, and unwashed humans are not welcome in their protected

Dr Josephine Wills is head of commuta attons and scientific afthe multi-million pound



Waltham is home to 450 cats, 250 dogs and 300 birds

nised as the world's leading authority on pet care and nutrition.

The Lincolnshire-based centre is a complex of some 20 single-storey carefully maintained gardens amid rape fields in the heart of rural England. From the air, it looks like one of those futuristic drawings of villages in space. On the ground, it's like entering Dr Who's Tardis. When you think you've seen it all, another section opens up with carpeted walkways looking out on

to grass and open play areas.
Four hundred and fifty cats, 250 dogs and 300 birds live here in conditions close to perfection, a cross between a five-star animal hotel and an animal health farm without the punishing diets and enforced exercise. Waltham's workers like to think of it as a luxury home designed for keeping pets healthy well-nourished and happy.

That was the aim in 1970, when the former horse stud farm was converted into a pets' paradise. Mars Pet Care companies now invest millions of pounds each year to fund research at the Waltham centre and nutrition institutes in more than 20 countries.

Although it sounds like a hightech laboratory, the emphasis is on providing the kind of conditions they would enjoy as highly parnpered domestic pets. Dogs share a home with a playmate, are allowed free access to a covered outside area. and are exercised with paddling pools, Frisbees, balls and toys.

"I'm not sure who has most fun - the animals or the handlers," says Dr Wills. as Baron, a golden retriever, pops out of a plastic tunnel and bounds on to the playground see-saw.

When working indoors, the staff wear white smocks, but outdoors they wear ordinary clothes. This is because one day most of the animals will be adopted by (wellvetted) pet lovers, and they need to learn that the world is not populated by people in white smocks.



Barry Burton takes his injured dog, Zuki, for a therapeutic swim. The animal's ears were covered to ensure water did not hurt them

Dogs and bathing caps: the bald facts

My dog. Poppy, loves to splash about in the sea and will swim in a pool if she gets the chance. But should dogs wear bathing caps

when swimming to keep water out of their ears and so prevent My old Staffy, Georgina, had a dip almost every day for 14 years

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A and never had any ear trouble. Some breeds love water — Newfoundlands can't keep out of it. When labradors, refrievers and working spaniels dive in to retrieve wildfowl, they don't worry about water in their ears. Before anyone writes to tell me, I know that spaniels have more than their fair share of ear problems, but lack of ventilation is the major cause. A well-groomed dog runs with ears flapping like butterfly wings, keeping the insides of its ears cool. If the ear flaps are

left to become a tangled matted mess, with a couple of burrs and a few grass seeds, these hang heavily and a sticky, stagnant atmosphere develops in the ear canal — perfect for bacterial or fungal growth. Prodles (from the German, "puddle-dog") may have a ventilation problem when hair grows in the depths of the ear canal. Natural wax accumulates on this, stops the air circulating and makes a warm moist

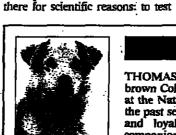
breeding ground for bacteria. Hydrotherapy pools, such as the one pictured above in Halifax, help people, horses and dogs to recover from orthopaedic problems because muscles and joints can be exercised without having to bear the body's

weight. Horses don't wear bathing caps, dogs don't need them and, as far as I remember, the lifeguards in Baywatch are capless too. their own 'office' when they want their responses, behaviour and

The cats live in colonies of 20 to 25 in large, airy rooms with access to outside conservatories.

Research into the texture preferences of cats reveals that cotton towelling and fleece is best for bedding and rush matting for scratching, sharpening claws and sniffing. Being contrary, many of them ignore the research and become territorial over the cardboard boxes they choose to sleep in.

Perhaps the most privileged cats are Buster, a grey tabby, and Colours, a tortoiseshell. Proper pets these, but working cats nevertheless. Their job is to provide a warm welcome in reception. "They wan-der around saying hello to people when they feel like it," says Dr. Wills. "They can disappear into



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energy requirements, and why a dental hygiene chew is effective in

reducing plaque in dogs. None of the research at Waltham is intrusive. Most of it is intended to establish one thing: "To measure what goes in and what comes out," as Dr Wills puts it. This involves capturing the odours from both ends of animals, to establish why dogs are maiodorous.

It also involves training cats to use litter trays without litter. Whenever a cat answers the call of nature, the event is recorded by a computer in another room. As Juand I went in, a screen flickered. *Look, Brian has performed in Lodge 5." she observes.

Brian went back into his cardboard box - happily unaware that he had made a contribution to the health of pets around the world.

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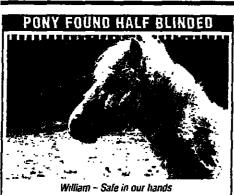
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ne of the few certainties about faith healing is that

it is not a new phenome-



non. Christians trace its origins back to the Old Testament. And for those of other faiths, it has been around as long as their faiths But in the last years of the 20th century the popularity of healing has exploded as millions shed their

scepticism of groups often regarded as quacks and commen. The growing public appetite for alternative medicine has meant, however, that the emergence of such charlatans is more likely than ever.

Christians believe that healing is the work of God, while others believe in less specific forces. In both camps there are many who rely on the power of prayer or thought, or use their hands but do not acqually touch the patient. Still there are many who practice the laying on of hands, and healers are busy drawing up strict guide-

lines to guard against those who would abuse such That faith healing is gaining popularity in Britain has much to do with its high-profile supporters. When the Prince of Wales spoke last week of the need to use

alternative medicine, he was backing a report drawn up by working groups that included faith healers. Cherie Booth, wife of the Prime Minister, is reported to have visited a healer, and Harry Enfield has said he uses one to cope with stress. June Brown, the actress who plays Dot Cotton in EastEnders, said recently that she was a healer who helped others through the power of prayer.

Boris Yeltsin's reputed recourse to the mystic faith healer who soothed Leonid Brezhnev in his declining years may have been less inspirational in this country than in Russia. In the wake of the separation from his wife, it emerged that the England football coach Glenn Hoddle had for years been seeing a faith healer, Eileen Drewery. Then it transpired that the volatile striker Ian Wright was another client. Apparently they

elationships — heavenly and

dar. November opens with today's festive day of All Saints, followed by tomorrow's Commemoration of All

earthly — are to the fore this month. In the Christian calen-

are all at it. "It's the hidden secret of football," says Jim White, a football writer who discovered in the course of writing a book about Manchester United that Bryan Robson, the former United and England captain, referred injured players to a healer.

Result for faith

When stories like these appear, healing organisations are swamped The telephone line that refers people to healers was immdated, says Darryl O'Keeffe, who has a healing practice in North London. Matthew practice in North London. Matthew Manning, perhaps Britain's best-known healer, appears regularly on television, is booked up a year ahead, and is mobbed on his tours.

Bishop Michael Cox, from Co Offaly, who claimed he could heal people over the telephone (as well as performing exorcisms, for which he is known as the Ghostbuster Bishop), recently disconnected a special line he

'If they haven't been cured, they have at least ended up with a totally different attitude to life'

> had set up because it never stopped ringing. The National Federation of Spiritual Healers estimates that there are about 10,000 healers in Britain who receive two and a half million visits a year. Dr Craig Brown, president of the federation, who employs a healer at his surgery, says: "It's difficult to find anyone who hasn't been to a healer or doesn't knows someone who has. People's attitude to healing has changed. They are starting to say: 'something is going on here', and are more compassionate. The publicity we had before was about charismatic healers coming to this country. But there have always been healers here doing good

The federation embraces all, religious or not. "Our energy is linked to God, but not necessarily a Christian God. We encompass all religions,"

says Dr Brown. All those who join the federation are subject its strict regulations - to a two-year training programme, a code of practice and a disciplinary system. People can be struck off, as in

The Methodist Church has issued its own guidelines for the growing number of its ministers and worship-pers who are turning to healing. It set up a working party in the wake of Christopher Brain's discredited Nine O'Clock Service "rave church" in Sheffield last year.

A church spokesman said: "The guidelines come in response to requests for guidance in an aspect of ministry which can bring much blessing to individuals and commu-

> to abuse. The church's role in healing goes back to Jesus's earthly ministry. When ministrants lay their hands on someone seeking healing, they do so on behalf of God and the whole congregation. Ministrants must be aware of the potential for abuse when working with the opposite sex or children." Rev Dr Dick

Jones, a former president of the Methodist conference and presi-dent of Pin Mill Christian Healing Fellowship near Ipswich, says that the Methodist Church is justified in its cautious approach to healing. The church has responded positively but not uncritically to the growth in popularity. The growth has been nationwide and many Methodists have realised that there's a legitimate place for healing, but that it's open to abuse and misuse and we should be vigilant about being careful."

He says he has seen the laying on of hands alleviate many illnesses, including cancer. "I know a lot of people who have been helped in all sorts of ways. If they haven't been cured, they have been immensely relieved and ended up with a totally different attitude to life."

DAMIAN WHITWORTH



Ian Wright, the volatile Arsenal

Chorus of approval



Ruth Gledhill meets the monks who have become pop stars

own age, invited me to see the relics of two saints, and one of the Cross, with a provenance traceable to Helena, mother of Con-

A leading member of a pop group not known for its religious observance had held this tiny fragment of wood in his hand and wept. But I was most moved by the fragment of bone and the poor finger, curved in agony. Offering a prayer, I turned and tiptoed from the room, chastened by the examples of the dead.

We were in a remote. rural valley on the outskirts of Bath, the beautiful setting for Downside, one of the country's leading Roman Catholic schools, and the Benedictine community's abbey church, the Basilica

of St Gregory the Great. This was the joint feast of St John Roberts and St Ambrose Barlow. Said the Abbot, welcoming us: "They were monks of Downside community who were brutally murdered by being hanged, drawn, which means disem-

bowelled, and quartered." The monks, canonised in those martyred during the 17th century persecutions of Roman Catholics in Britain. In spite of its size and neo-

Gothic grandeur, this church was only completed in 1925. Its effect is comparable to the great cathedrals of Salisbury and Winchester, yet unlike them it has its own living community of monks, for whom it was primarily built. It also serves as a place of worship for the 350 boys of Downside school, run by the Benedictine community.

To hear these boys and monks sing in the choir was the main purpose of my visit. Their debut album. SERVICE

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75,000 copies, gaining them a silver disc and the distinction of being the first British monks to have an album in the pop charts. Their second album, Gregorian Moods, is due to be released later this month.

The chair, which sounded even better in its original setting than on tape, sang a Gloria, and we venerated the memory of the two

The Abbut preached on the gospel, from St John: "Greater love than this has no man, that he lay down his life for his friend." This text remained at the heart of one of the great paradoxes of the Christian religion, which emphasises on the one hand the sacredness of life, while on the other hand glorifying its heroic surrender, he said.

We were led in prayer again, by some of the boys. We prayed for all who suffer persecution to receive grace to endure all things, for all who work and study in schools, for the sick There was a moment's silence, for us all to present our own petitions. We progressed through the Mass, to the final blessing.

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A monk with choirboys at Downside Abbey

Long and happy marriage still the key to Heaven

Among the bereaved attending these increasingly popular annual services of remembrance will be those who mourn a husband or a wife, recalling an earthly relationship of such precious purpose that, according to the biblical image used in is contrary to God's will — is clear. St Paul emphasised the the Book of Common Prayer, it point in his first Epistle to the signifies to us "the mystical union Corinthians: "I give this that is betwixt Christ and his charge (though it comes not Church" from me but from the Lord).

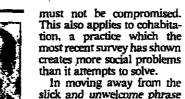
Indeed, this particular November will focus publicly on lifelong commitment when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give thanks to God in Westminster Abbey for 50 years of married life. This is rightly something to celebrate, not least because it provides a much-needed corrective to the increase in marriage breakdowns and the disturbing popularity of cohabitation.



NIGEL McCULLOCH

that the wife is not to separate from her husband ... and the hus-Church which has in many areas band is not to divorce his wife." been more courageous and reform-Paul's pastoral experience did lead ing than the Roman Catholic and the him to allow separation and even, it Orthodox Churches, follows a more rigid line than either. Rightly, this is would seem in certain cases, freedom to remarry - a point subsequently being re-examined.

However, in attempting reform of pastoral practice, the ideal of marriage to which Jesus has pointed



"living in sin", the Church must not abandon the truth it represents. The Greek word, of which sin is the translation, comes

from archery and means "falling short of the target". And, where the phrase is applied to living together outside of marriage, it is accurate. Within many Christian families

there is divorce and cohabitation. But that does not mean that theologians and Church leaders must change

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT,

ECI: 9 HC; II Ch Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), The Rector: 6.30 E.

ST BRIDE'S, EC4: 11 Ch M and Euch.

Rev E Tinker; 6.30 Ch E, Murrill in E, Guild Chaplain W Boulton.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, SWI: II HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 ES, Rev D P Bush.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 S Mass. Missa O Quam Gloriosum

ST GEORGE'S. WI: 8.30 HC: II S Euch.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S

Each, St James' Choir, John Paul, Rector,

ST JAMES'S, W2: 10.30 S Euch, Sparrow

Mass (Mozart); 8 A performance of the

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC: 11 S

ST JOHN'S, E15: 11 HC, Sonata No. 4 (Mendelssohn), Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP.

ST LUKE'S, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev

C Kevill-Davies: 12.15 HC: 6.30 E. Rev J

ST MARK'S, NWI: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; II

S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum est

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8

HC; 9.45 Euch, 11.30 Visitors to London

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, W& 8

HC; 9,30 Euch, 11.15 Ch M. Fr F Gelli: 12.30

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill:

8 HC: 10.30 Euch, Darke in E. Rev L van

ST PETER'S, SWI: 8.15 HC: 10 Euch; 11 S

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD

VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15

HC; II M, Responses (Morley). Rev P R C

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30

HC; II.IS S Euch, Mass in five parts (Byrd).

CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Pal-

ace: 8.30 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Requiem (Fauré):

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY.

WC2: II S Euch, Darke in E, Rev J P

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL, WCI: 830 HC.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Bar-

racks, SWI: 11 Ch HC. Lacrymosa (Hasse).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL

SEI0: II S Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Rev I Wheatley.

Euch, O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria).

Ch E: 6.30 ES, Rev C Herbert.

HC, Rite B; 6.30 E, Fr M Fuller.

der Pump; 6 Ch E, Dyson in D.

ch, Rev M Robins; 5.45 EP.

Brahms Requiem.

regnum (Victoria).

Rev J S Bailey.

3.30 E. Dyson in F.

Little Organ Mass (Haydn), The Rector.

ing to work through the difficulties. Often the most heartfelt thanksgivings in married life are for having persevered and having discovered how worthwhile that perseverance

and to that image so present in the Book of Revelation, where the union of Christ with His People is truly a marriage made in Heaven. • The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch is

Church Services tomorrow

Twenty third Sunday after Trinity

ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; II Ch Euch, Stanford in C, Canon C J G Bevan; 3.15 Ch E, Responses (Ayleward). BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Mass for 3 voices (Byrd); 4 Service of Commemoration of the Paithful Departed, Canon G O'Neill; 5.30 Asian Christians Service

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15 Ch M; 10.30 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Canon Hall; 4 Ch E. BRECON CATHEDRAL 8, 11 Euch. The Brecon Mass (Philip Moore), Canon P Jackson; 3.30 E. Charles Wood in D. BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Festal Euch, Rev P Denyer, 3.30 Festal E, Sumsion in G, Canon A Rediern. CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Requiem mass (Durufle), Rev A Graham; 3.15 E, Vann in

D; 6.30 Sermon and Compline. CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 S Each, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), The Dean; 3 E, Wood in E flat. CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30

MP: 8 HC: 930 Euch: Canon C McCafferty: ILIS All Soul's Requiem. Canon B Thompson, 6 Ch E, Sumsion in G, Canon D Knight CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10

M. Stanford in C. The Dean; II S Euch, Darke in F; 3.30 E. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Dublin: 10.50 Crimenship Service, Te

Deum in B flat (Stanford). CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: 8 HC; 10 M, Te Deum (Harris), Canon Peirce, 11.15 S Euch, Mass for 3 voices (Byrd); 6 E. Howells in D. CORK CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch; 11.15 S

Euch, Ireland in C. Rev M Graham: 7 Ch E. Brewer in D. DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.45 S Euch, Mozart in D. Mr A Flintham; 4 EP; 6 Solemn Requiem Mass (Fauré).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M. Britten in C; 11.15 HC, Canon M Kitchen; 3.30 E. The Fifth Service (Tomkins). ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Ench. Mass in C sharp minor (Vierne), Canon D Green; 3.45 E, Bullock in D. EXETER CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Requiem (Duruffe), Canon A Maw-son; 11.15 M. Boyce in C, Canon D Ison; 3 E. Collegium Regale (Howells); 6.30 ES. GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC

10.15 Euch, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Canon N Heavisides, 12.15 HC: 3 E. GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais); 6.30 E. Blair in B minor.

Euch, Hail glorious spirit (Tye); 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 3.30 E. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Messe de Requiem (Fauré); 3.30 E, Blair in B minor.

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LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 11.15 M, Farrant in A, Rev Dr M Semple; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Murrill in E. LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, Durufle Requiem; 3 Ch E, Canon M Boyling; 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 M; Euch; 10.30 S Euch, O quam gloriosum (Victoria): 6.30 E. NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 8, 9.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Vaughan Williams in G, Canon R Hanmer; 3.30 Festal E, Salisbury Service (Vann): 6.30 Night Prayer.

9.30 C; 11 S Euch, Missa S Johannis de Deo (Haydn), Canon D Isaac; 6.30 E, Stanford RIPON CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 9.30 Euch: 11.30 Ch Euch, Canon J Bell: 12.30 Euch; 5.30 E of Remembrance, Magnifican

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:

and Nunc Dimittis (Cooper). ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M. Responses (Walsh); 10.30 S Euch, Canon J Armson; 3.15 E, Gioucester Service (Howells): 6.30 Requiem Mass for the

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), Canon J Davies; 11.30 M; 3 Ch E.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 1) Ch Euch; 3 Ch E, Fifth Service (Tomkins): 6.30 BCP Ch Euch, The Provost. SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9 C; 11 M, The Short Service (Gibbons); 3.15

E; 5.45 Service for the Bereaved. TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M; 10 Solemn Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn); 11.30 Dedication of the Royal British Legion Field of Remembrance; 6 Solemn E. WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: All Saints Patronal Festival 8 HC; 9.15 C. Gaudent in

coelis (Dering); 11 Euch; 4 E. WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Solernn Requiem, Rite A, Rev J L Thompson; 11.30 M, 3E, Gloucester Service (Howells). WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M, Canon D Hutt; 11.15 Euch; 3 Gloucester Service (Howells), Rev D Rhodes; 5.45 Rochester Cathedral Chair, 6.30 ES. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9. 10.30, 12 Solemn Mass; 2.45 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat sexti toni

(Palestrina); 5.30, 7 ES. YORK MINSTER: 7.30 M; 8, 8.45 HC; 10 Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozart): 11.30 S

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL, Hertfordshire: 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; II Solemn Euch, Requiem (Paurė); 6.30 Taizė Service. ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Ch Euch, Pie Jesu (Pauré), The Dean; 3.30 Ch E, Noble in B.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 LM: 11.30 Solemn Mass, Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Fr J E Cronin; 6 Academic Mass for Students.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 HC; 11.30 MS, Rev Dr J P Newell; 6 Consort of Voices: 8 ES. ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL OW

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch. The Provost; 3.30 Ch

E, Second Service (Byrd).
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Glasgow: 8.30 Euch; 10 S Euch; 12 HC; 6.30 Diocesan Choirs Festival, Harwood in A flat. ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, Dublin:

8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev J N Battve: 3.15 Ch E. ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Canon S Oliver: 3.15 E, Blair in B

minor: 5 Organ Recital. RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHE-DRAL, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony. Met Anthony. ALL SAINTS, WI: 8 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass in C (Beethoven), Bishop C James; 5.15 LM; 6 E & B. Wood in F (Collegium Regale), Rev A Whatmough. ALL SOULS, W1: 8 C; 9.30. 11.30 C, Rev P

Blackham: 6.30 EP. Rev R Tice, THE ASSUMPTION, WI: II MS, Missa a 4 (Monteverth). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC;

10 Children's Service: 11 C. Rev M Colclough: 6 E. Mr J Watherston. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, WC2: 11.15 MS, Rev J McMahon; 6.30 ES, Rev S Hood. FARM STREET, WI: 8, 930 Mass; II HM, 1230, 415 Mass; 6.15 LM.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, SW7: 9 HC; 11 MS, Rev S Downham; 5, 7.30 Informal Service, Rev S Millar, THE ORATORY, SW7: 7, 8 LM; 9, 10 Mass; II HM, Missa super Bell' Amfitrit altera (Lassus): 12.30 Mass; 3.30 V & B;

430.7 Mass. . ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH W& 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEY'S CHAPEL, EC2: II MS & HC. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist): 11 MP; 6.30 HC, Rev Dr P

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), EC2: 11 Ch. Euch, 2 Swahili HC; Rev A Sebahene; 7 Ch M, Requiem (Pauré).

hates the sin but loves the sinner." Sadly, marriages do die, and it may be true that, at times, the attempt to reach the target falls so consistently short of the mark that a new start is required.

their view of marriage as the ideal state of relationship with which God

blesses us. There is, perhaps, a tendency to confuse the sin and the

sinner. As the old saying puts it: "God

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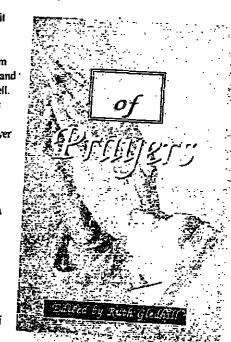
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Children meditating at Filton Avenue School, Bristol. They say it calms them d

Karma kids learn better

Jacqui Dye's ton Avenue Junior School in Bristol, the air is heavy with the scent of lavender oil warming in an aromatherapy burner. swear by my lavender oil." chirrups Mrs Dye, a jolly, enthusiastic woman with a nose-stud and a tie-dye waistcoat. "Every classroom should have one." On the wall a poster reads: "Learn to be silent. Let your quiet mind listen and absorb."

You fear the worst. You're here to witness the therapeutic effects of meditation for schoolchildren, and you're afraid you've wandered unwittingly on to the set of Abso*lutely Fabulous*, a world where airy-fairy nonsense holds sway. In fact, Mrs Dye's classroom offers nothing of the sort. She admits that when she suggested meditation as a means of calming overstressed children, she met resistance, if not hostility. "Some parents said, 'I can't see that working'. and there were a couple of comments from staff about whether it was really neces-

sary," she says. When I was starting one session, a voice at the back said. Oh. Miss. we aren't going to do any of that Chinese sitting down are we? Even I wondered at first whether it was airy-fairy. But no one has complained. I merely use it for calming children and giving them a sense of worth and peace. If the technique is working, people will go with it, they're initially

Chris Burrows, who has introduced meditation to youngsters at the Manor School in Scarborough, also Meditation for children? The sceptical James Rampton is persuaded that it works



Teacher Jacqui Dye says no parents have complained

encountered doubts at first. "Here even reflexologists are considered witches." he laughs. "In the West, meditation is still seen as something strange and cultish because of all the rubbish in the media about it - even EastEnders makes jokes about going to see your guru. The media think that to teach meditation you've got to shave your head, go to the Himalayas and sit in a hut. They don't realise you can do it in the front room."

Mrs Dye still has some way to go before she converts all the sceptics, but she feels she is getting there. "The parents of the children I'm involved with might think this is a waste of time. she concedes. They say, 'I just want them to read and write'. But the amount of work the children are producing because they're focused is amazing. After the quiet time, they feel 'yes, we can do it'." On the evidence of a visit

School inspectors decided that meditation sessions were improving results. Teachers say it's the only time children sit perfectly still seem to be working. Three pupils who have had various difficulties in the classroom arrive for their morning meditation. Mrs Dye gets them to sit in the Buddhist meditating position - hands cupped upwards resting on crossed legs and close their eyes.

he then whispers words so soothing I find my eyelids droop-ing, too. Just get a nice sense of heing peaceful," she coos. "Think of breathing in good energy and breathing out bad thoughts and all the things that are bugging you." Three small brows visibly unfurrow as silence reigns. Still sitting quietly on their

cushions after the five-minute session, they politely answer my questions. Violet. 11, weighs up the benefits of meditation. When you've got bad thoughts, it takes them away and helps you get on with your work,"

she says. "I used to skip this quiet time, and giggle through my lessons. Now I'm better in the lessons." Kevin. ten, chips in: "When my Nan died, I was earlier this month, it does in a bad mood. Then I came here and felt settled." In another group, Jeetender, eight, says meditation "helps in the North West. me go faster at writing.

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because it gets my anger out". His classmate Kelly, nine, says to Mrs Dye that when I was having an injection at the doctor's, I did the calm position you showed us and didn't through stories in a more

feel a thing".
Mrs Dye's methods have also won 'It gives over her head teacher. Stuart children a Ransom. Over cofduring the sense of morning break he says: "At first, you worth and think, 'Is this a fad? With any peace hesitancy because

the forefront of this and her enthusiasm is infectious. We had an Ofsted inspection recently, and the team said meditation was good practice."

it hasn't been tes-

ted, but Jacqui's at

There is other evidence to back that up. The New Beacon School near Manchester, where every pupil practises meditation for ten minutes a

day, has recorded 100 per cent passes at GCSE and comes top

Mr Burrows also claims to have achieved results. "The teachers have noticed that if an argument starts, the children pull back and approach it in a quieter way. And they sit

focused manner, without fidgeting." He has also started meditating for five minutes every day with his nine year old daughter, who work with a budding career as a to be still, which instantly'

she doesn't otherwise have. Watching TV isn't being still. If you video children watching TV, they're fidgeting all the time and their minds are still active."

Part of the problem Mr Burrows perceives is the increasing stress that our children experience. "My daughter comes home from school and she has to get her seven and

eight times tables off in a Erricker, for one, sings the night. We were never given things to take home at that age. There are pressures on

children earlier now."

Clive Erricker, head of theology at the Chichester Institute of Higher Education, who chairs meetings of the burgeoning Meditation in Education Network, agrees. "The message from teachers is 'get performing. It increases the stress on children."

rs Dye says: more than I was. They're taking on affult concerns, and they're not allowed to be children any more. What with parents out of work and poor housing, it's a miracle some children come to school and function at all. Meditation can take children out of themselves. It's a place you can go if

there's chaos all around." With the increase in testing and the ever-greater demands of the National Curriculum, meditation starts to look less like a hippyish fad and more like a smart move. Mr

praises of meditation as a learning tool. "If a young child comes into a classroom angry from the playground, then they are not ready to learn. We move the mind from this state of confusion to a point where

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we can let go."

Gina Levite, who has researched the effects of medita-tion in schools, says its usefulness goes beyond the school gates. She says: "it's a self-help technique that you can do anywhere. You don't even have to close your eyes. You can meditate while you're walking and it's great when you're upset."

Mrs Dye sees no reason why all schoolchildren couldn't benefit from a bit of calm before the classroom storm. Now this is picking up momentum, it could be used as a classroom technique by everyone. There are times when we all need quiet."

Violet seems to agree. Before going out to play with her friends in morning break, she admits that she'd like to come back to Mrs Dye for top-up sessions when she goes to secondary school next year.



Cream tea with a French twist

ick and Judy Gifford arrived in the remote northern French village of St Remy-au-Bois five years ago with nothing but their three young children. As filmmakers, they had worked on pioneering pro-grammes such as Monitor, 40 Minutes and Fine Cut, but their relocation to the region of Pas-de-Calais coincided with a troubled period in their lives work was hard to find, and they had lost money in the property slump of the early Nineties.

They paid £25,000 for a large.

crumbling farmhouse, and set about rebuilding their lives. The transition was difficult; the farmhouse did not even have a roof, and their children, particularly their youngest son, Henry. then aged four, struggled to adjust to village life. The children missed their friends in England, and could not understand why their parents had downshifted so radically.

"Looking back," says Judy, "we never realised the stress the children were under. We filmed them after our arrival, and watching the films now is very revealing: poor Henry seems so lost and shy. If I'd realised how difficult it was going to be, we might have thought twice about the move."

Today, the family live simply but happily, growing much of their own food and making a decent living from what they proudly call their *scone and marmalade factory". Located in an out-building attached to their converted farmhouse, the "factory" is in fact little more than a large, scrubbed kitchen.

Still, there is nothing quite like it in France, through their company. Tea Together, the couple sell their own scones and marmalade to calés and delicatessens, including several in Paris. In a neat twist, they have begun exporting to England: Harvey Nichols is a prospective customer.

"We stumbled on the idea of setting up the scone and marmalade factory after I began baking my own bread," Judy says. "Living in this strange, unfamiliar country, we became interested in questions of cultural difference, and in the most unlikely aspects

of English life. such as baking.
"Although most people in the village are self-sufficient, with fridges and freezers full of their own food, they never bake. They buy all their bread from the local boulangerie. When I bought some flour to bake my own bread, everyone called me a hippy. But when I began making scones something I'd never done before - they were amazed. They'd never seen or tasted anything like them before."

That is easy to believe. Judy's scones served warm with clotted cream and a cup of tea, are light and delicious. They are made from unbleached flour imported from Kent and raw milk supplied by local farms. Her equally appealing marmalade is so popular that a local noblewoman, the Comtessse du Barry, recently placed an order for IS.000 puts.

To supplement their earnings from Tea Together, the Giffords have made a film. French Lunch, about the cuisine of the Pas-de-Calais, a region most British tourists tend to hurry through on their way south. Yet on this soil, from Flanders in the east to the Somme in the west, the monumental battles of European hist-

ory have been fought. The marmalade factory features in the film, as does a ferme-auberge, a restaurant where every dish is produced on the premises. "Our local ferme-auberge is run by a young woman called Odile Testu, and she grows everything that is on the table, cooks it herself and serves it herself."



Nick and Judy Gifford in the "marmalade factory" at their farmhouse

Nick, stirring a vast vat of marmalade. It is a remarkably labour-intensive

With his white surgical clothes and wire-rimmed spectacles, Nick looks more like a lab technician than a filmmaker-turned-baker. He enjoys his life of rural self-sufficiency, romantically calling it "Chekhovian"

Later, as we share a table at a cramped fish restaurant in the port of Le Crotoy on the bay of the Somme, he expresses nostalgia for his early years as a film-maker. Years before, he says, the BBC lost confidence in the kind of serious documentaries I want to make". And he desperately wants to continue making films: he was thrilled. for instance, to be asked to work on the South Bank Show profile of John Galliano filmed in Paris last year.

After dinner, I walked with Nick and Judy along the seafront at the Le

Crotoy, it was a cold, windy night and the Channel was seething, turning in on itself and showering us in spray. As Judy reflected on her years working on the arts programme Monitor, a cur-rent of sadness ran beneath her words. But she had no regrets: "You can only make the jump once: we have come so far now and our lives have changed so much, what with the marmalade factory and everything, that we can't go

"Sometimes it terrifies me to think what would have happened if things hadn't worked out in France ... " Her sentence fragments in the wind.

"Let's go home," Nick says. They walk slowly towards their car, metropolitan sophisticates apparently incongruous among the farmers and fishermen of the Pas-de-Calais.

• French Lunch is shown on the Carlton Food Network at 4.30pm today.

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We'll have to see about all this I Want stuff. When I was a little girl, only Very Good children got what they wanted for Christmas'

imposing display of juvenile purchasing power. Ever since Alexander has been old enough to talk, his answer to the question, "What would you like to do for a special treat?" has been the same. He would like to go to the bus museum in Covent Garden. This time, however, he was more specific. There would be, as usual, a trip to the bus museum, but this would be preceded by lunch — Hawaiian pizza and ice-cream - and before that a visit to Hamley's to buy Star Wars toys.

It is, I must say, a cause of some anguish to me that, of all the fine personal qualities he might have inherited from me - the saintly patience, sweet nature, ladylike reticence and so on - the

one that seems most forcibly to be presenting itself is a mania for shopping. Still, having promised him a treat. I feel I can hardly dictate what sort of treat, and accordingly, I find myself crouched on my hands and knees in the Character Toys department of Hamley's, examining card after card of microscopic mutant figures, each more heavily armed than the last. Eventually, we settle on something called Carbonised Han Solo - a

A remarkable gift for shopping

LIFE AND SOUL

from which protrude the agonised features and clawing hands of Luke Skywalker's intrepid chum after something very nasty has happened to I in.

And this, I say wonderingly, is what you really want, is it? Yup, says Alexander, for the time being. Though in the longer term, he would like a Millennium Falcon. I don't really know what a Millennium Falcon is, except that it is very expensive, and clearly I am going to have to start saving hard, because, once more, "and then" time of year has come around. It is Hallowe'en, and then it is Guy Fawkes Night, and then it is Alexander's birthday, and then is is Christmas. And all this means toys.

Already the fireplace in his bedroom is stuffed with a fat sheaf of letters to Father Christmas, all firmly sealed, but thought-fully copied to Linda and myself, "Dear Mummy and Linda" reads the most recent of these, posted under my bed-

my birthday and Christmas: X Wing. Tie Fighter. Death [sic] Vader. Heavy Blarster [sic]. Love Alexander.

Yes, well, I say tetchily to Alexander as I lever myself off the floor at Hamley's. We'll have to see about all this I Want stuff. When I vas a little girl, only Very Good children got what they want-

when I am making it up, gives me A Look, and we head off towards the bus There, another recessive family gene

ed for Christmas. My son, who can tell

suddenly emerges. Like his late great-grandfather, a sailor of strong and diosyncratic opinions, my son simply

cannot see that no-tices saying No En-try and Keep Out have anything to do with him.

As a small child, I knew in advance that every expedition with my grandfather would end with me squeaking: "But Grandpa, you can't go in there. It says Keep Out, Danger of Traps, Mad Dogs, please, Grandpa" as

his stocky figure strode off towards the forbidden no-man's land beyond the notices. Now, in the bus museum; history repeated itself as my son, ignoring the plaintive cries of his mother, the glares of the musuem attendants, and the profusion of notices saying Do Not Board,

an entranced "Poop, poop!"
It was with some relief that I deposited him with his grandparents. Life in my parents' house proceeds at a stately pace. regulated by the inews on the hour and the twice daily strains of *The Archers*. They do have a telly, although I have never actually seen it working. But to Alexander's incredulous amazement, there is no video. When I telephoned to see how they were getting on, my mother said that they were just carving a pumpkin into a Hallowe'en lantern before going off on a nice walk to look for conkers. But, she added nervously, Alexander had decided that tomorrow they were going to take the bus into Canterbury and eat pizza.

Now, the sight of my mother confronting a Hawaiian pizza. is one that I would give a good deal to see, if only I had not had a prior engagement to have lunch with Jemima, who had come up to London to buy clothes. Personally, I clothes in the West End, but you can never explain this to people who live in the country. They are convinced that London is Where It Is At clotheswise.

"Do you think they will let us in?" said Jemima, looking doubtfully at our sensible shoes and stout handbags as we stood in a queue of pin-thin mummies and their designer-clad children at the Harvey Nichols restaurant, "or should be go round the corner to Peter Jones, where we belong?" But no waiter with a fiery tray barred our path. Gratefully, we ate up our pheasant and rice pudding, and wandered off to the clothes department, gasping and stretching our eyes at the amazing cost and utter hidenusness of everything. Until turning the corner, we ran into It - a Goor-length, jet-black, sheared rabbit evening coat of uner

simplicity and perfect luxury.
"Go on," I said to Jemima, "iell me how much it is. I can't bear to look." Well," said Jemima, examining the label, "think small conservatory. New kitchen, useful showjumper, coo. Imagine finding that on your bed on Christmas morning. Almost worth putting up with a husband for."

Supermodels go on show

Part masters get their kits

out for the Meccano

Exhibition in

London

priests teach children to count parrot-'evens, 5-4, 11-8, 7-4, 2-1". Elsie Wright helped her son Geoff with his maths by introducing interesting answers such as 6100 or 4472: numbers of famous steam locomotives in the late 1930s. This approach put him on track for life.

Before long, this model mother introduced young Geoff to a scaled-down Lillipu-tian version of life, from mighty iron giants belching steam and smoke to train-set chuff-chuffs smelling of burn-ing meths in the sitting room, and from there to the nuts and Wright is Mr Meccano.

M.W. Models, his shop in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, is the only one in the world dedicated entirely to Meccano. He is surrounded by enormous constructions. made from thousands of parts. which are the envy of engineers everywhere: a blocksetting crane with a 5ft boom, a fairground roundabout, a Lancaster bomber with a 6ft wingspan and working propellors, a reproduction of a 1937 BMW roadster which took 203 hours to build; a glorious 7ft model of the Titanic steamship with its four

At the press of a button, the Titanic bobs up and down but does not sink. Despite competition from today's high-tech toys and hobbies, Meccano has not sunk, either. "Almost a century after manufacturing began in Liverpool, its appeal is as strong as ever," says Mr Wright, "Children as young as four start with a plastic kit and graduate to metal by the time they are six or seven. Later in life they remember their set in the attic, buy the parts



Meccano may be 90 years old, but it still appeals to all ages

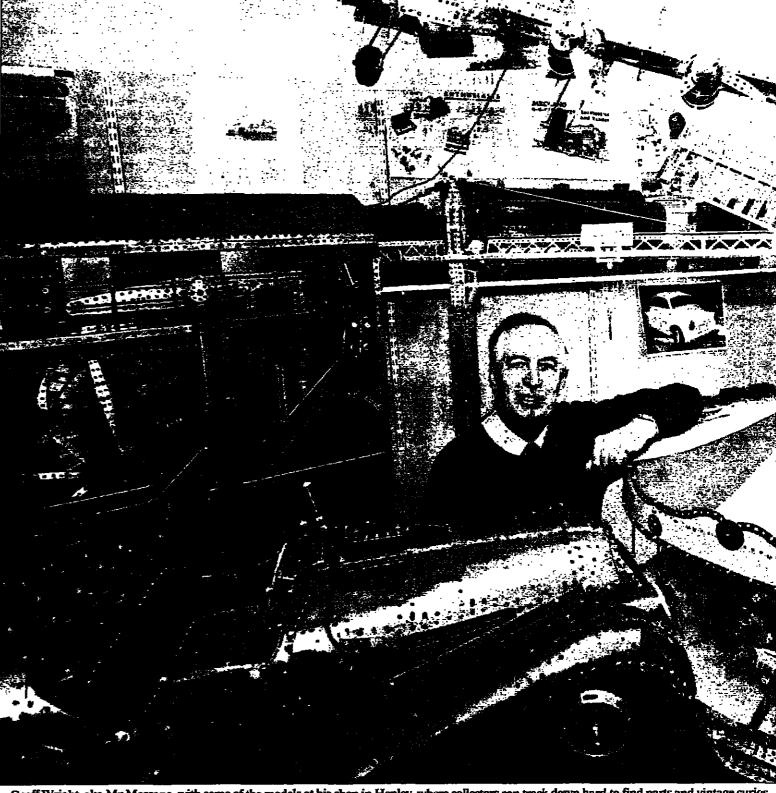
which they couldn't afford when they were young and then build the model that they always dreamed of."

This shop is Meccano Mecca, the centre of the universe for the thousands of International Meccanomen members who worship green metal strips with holes, brackets, plates, axle rods, gears, pul-leys and the rest. Those struck by Meccano madness include Winston Churchill, Harold Wilson and the Sixties musician Joe Brown. George Cole is also a regular visitor to the Meccano shop. Hill, editor of International Meccanomen, says: "We have members and subscribers all over the world

and there is a growing interest among young people, from pre-teens up to engineering students who use Meccano as

part of their curriculum." The late Sir Alec Issigonis, inventor of the Mini, is said to have used Meccano to design the prototype for the gearbox of his famous car and, at his request, was presented with a

No 10 set on his retirement. The No 10 set! Magic words to generations of enthusiasts the world over. The Panzer division of all Meccano sets, the 24-carat ne plus ultra of mechanical toys. Over 3,000 pieces including nuts and bolts, plus 150 illustrations of models. Production of this line



Geoff Wright, aka Mr Meccano, with some of the models at his shop in Henley, where collectors can track down hard-to-find parts and vintage curios

Wright can make one up for £1,500, with a £300 wooden

cabinet an optional extra. Meccano was born in Liverpool in 1901. Since then the company, now French-owned.

has gradually expanded the range of parts, all numbered.

> recommended for this novelty. He also sells reproductions of deleted items, parts Meccano never made and parts in different colours. "Colours are important," he says. They indicate the period when parts were made. Red and green were introduced in 1926, blue and gold arrived in 1934, today it's zinc strips with blue and yellow plating. You can tell that the tower in the shop window, with the working lifts, is from the early 20th century, the so-called nickel

period, because it's all made of

bright and shiny nickel."

some with prefixes and suffix-

es, from No I, a 25-hole

perforation strip, to LY846A, a

2 x 3 x 2-hole double-angle strip. Mr Wright sells them

all, from a 2p washer (part No 38) to a 10in flanged ring (No 167B) for £11.65. He even has a

miniature 2,500,000-to-one

gearbox. Turn the input shaft 2,500,000 times and the output

shaft turns once. A motor is

hree of the exhibits — Lancaster bomber, Titanic and windmill - were made by Jim Gamble, technical manager at Nottingham University's chemistry department. His Meccano Historical Collection, which features regularly in museums and exhibitions. is the result of 30 years' devotion to his hobby. He made ten of his 40-strong fleet; the rest are factory promotional models. They range from small mechanisms, such as a clock, through gantry cranes, windmills and a fully fitted (gearbox, differential and brakes) car chassis to a 9ft replica of the battleship King George V. He has no idea how

long it took him to make, far

the number of parts

involved, "or how many holes it has. That's the other daft question I'm always asked."

Mr Gamble has just about every piece of Meccano ever made. He does yearn, though, for a wooden chest containing the top-of-the-range L set, with its thousands of blue and gold parts, from the mid-Thirties. The collecting aspect of Meccano is a bit like collecting stamps," he says. "it's fairly easy, cheap and quick to build up an enjoyable collection, but it's the rarities which stand out like a Geared Roller Bearing which cost £1 prewar but which might now fetch more than £300 in good condition. Or a rare Meccano crystal

radio set from the early 1920s. "The fun, though, is building. It's very tactile and it's timeless. A child today can make a rocket ship using exactly the same parts as his great-grandfather used to make a First World War tank."

Mr Gamble, a consultant to Meccano, can remember the first construction he ever made, from a 1951 No 5 outfit which my father bought for me - and himself. It was a British Road services-style lorry, the last model in the book. He has also provided much of the archive material for the Meccano Exhibition which opens at the London Toy & Model Museum today. Among the hundred or so exhibits are an 8ft Tower Bridge, the Statue of Liberty and a robot that might or might not turn heads because all it does is turn its head. The centrepiece of the show is a 23ft Christmas tree. The exhibition is open to all Meccano

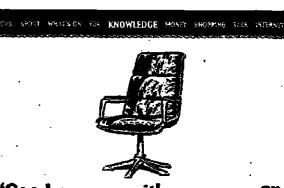
nuts (part No 37A). ALASDAIR RILEY



■ The Meccano Exhibition at the London Toy & Model Museum, 21-23 Craven Hill, W2 (0171-706 8000) is on until

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TROUBLE IN TOYLAND

toy dog isn't just for Christmas and isn't necessarily forever, Alasdair Riley writes. Pooch can get the stuffing knocked out of it, or its insides can rot, in which case it might find itself in the toy hospital, alongside a green-faced Barbie doll and a teddy whose yellow foam guts have metamorphosed into red dust. Or sticky gunk.

It may sound like a reject script from an X Files writer, but the truth is that toytown, or more specifically its older inhabitants, are suffering from a series of killer diseases. Like cyberpets, they

"Wing droop can be a problem," says David Austin, who deals in and restores Dinky Toys, especially aircraft, from his home, appropriately called the Aerodrome, in Sutton Courtenay,

Oxfordshire. A whole generation of pre and postwar planes has collapsed as a result of recycled waste material being used in their manufacture. Radiators have burst through bonnets, wheels warped, tailwings snapped off. Which can be pretty unnerving if you own one of the top-of-the-range brightly coloured Beaverbrook Spitfires, sold to raise funds to build real Spittires as part of the war effort, and worth as much as £500 on

today's toy market. The doctors' advice is avoid moisture and temperature fluctuations, but surgery can be a solution. As ambulance loads of sick toys are raced to the restorers, so a large cottage industry has grown up to make replacement parts lids for prewar postboxes, top wings of bi-planes, steering wheels for open-top Austin 7s, and a host of other tired toy body bits. And it's not just metal. Kim n was shocked to wake up one morning to find several of her huge collection of Barbies were sick: they had literally turned green overnight.

This alarming trait is become a common problem, according to Anita Quye, an analytical research chemist at the National Museums of Scotland. "I work closely with the chemistry department at Strathclyde University, where one student has a 1950s doll that has one leg and arm which are withered and discoloured, while the others are in good condition.

new dolls such as Barbies will react with time. "Our advice for collectors is to keep plastic dolls out of bright sunshine, away from damp places like garages, and not to wrap them tightly in

expected the doll to remain in good

condition for the life expectancy of the

toy, but it's difficult to anticipate how

Ms Quye is working on an antidote to green Barbie syndrome but as yet there is no core. The Spice Girl dolls will be on show in time for Christmas. At £15 each, a full set of Posh, Ginger, Scary. Sporty and Baby will set you back a tidy £75. So, if you are intending to buy one for someone special this year, be sure to



For model aircraft aficionados, avoiding metal fatigue is a serious business



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seven-year-old Harry as his tiny Thelwell pony hesitated at the fence, then cat-jumped over sharply, depositing him on the soft ground. The only injury was to his pride, and within seconds Harry, a farmer's son, was back in the saddle, checking to see whether any

of his mates had noticed. He was lucky. With 80 children. aged from four upwards, milling about on ponies of all shapes and sizes at the Warwickshire Hunt's children's meet, trying to avoid an encounter with the hindquarters of Claire's confirmed kicker, or preventing little Gumdrop from bolting off into the woods, his mishap went largely unremarked.

Eight-year-old Jack was less fortunate when he came unstuck from Flicka, an immaculate little wake of a hunter — the mount of his father, Johnny Arkwright. With his nanny and girl groom in close attendance. Jack was dusted down and scrambled back on, evidently resenting this shaming public display of feminine solicitude.

Good lad. It's a great characterbuilder, hunting," said one sea-soned foot follower. "And it's booming, specially among youngsters. I've seen more kids out this season than ever before and that's because everyone in the country feels their way of life is under

"It's the same story with the other hunts. They're coming out in their hundreds and bringing the young-sters because they feel they have to make a stand. They have to show people like Michael Foster Ithe Worcester MP who has introduced a bill to ban hunting with hounds that country people are genuinely angry at being mucked about by

'Taxpayers will have to foot the bill'

John Roberts meets a

huntsman hounded

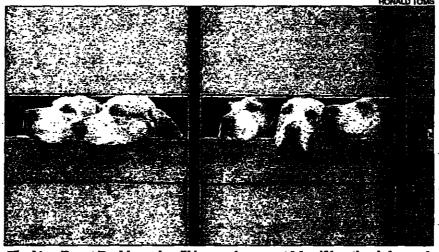
out of his job

HUNTSMAN John Stride stands mor osely among his echoing empty kennels. The horses have all gone. His staff have dispersed. Only seven baffled hounds

Soon even they will be put down, the last remnants of the New Forest Buckhounds which packed up in August through urban encroachment, ending 1,000 years of fallow deer hunting on the New Forest.

If Labour MP Michael Foster's atte the Commons to ban the chase is successful, it will be repeated all over the country. Foster and his supporters, rattling around urban Britain in a bus collecting anti-hunt petition signatures from town dwellers, have yet to visit Brockenhurst in the New Forest to see the potential effect of Stride, 48, looks balefully around the few

hounds in his empty kennels: "It's terrible really. I'm being kept on here till next May and then the dogs will be put down. The



The New Forest Buckhounds will be put down next May if hunting is banned

hounds know what's up. They're strangely silent now, even when I'm out walking them." John Stride has worked in hunt service all his life since leaving school. His hunt staff have traditionally collected "fallen stock" - dead farm animals, the offal from deer not wanted by the meat

trade and dead forest ponies - to feed their hounds. The Buckhounds have coped with removing 600-700 dead animals a year. Atthis time of year wild New Forest ponies have been keeling over at the rate of one a

thing's got to be done about all these dead animals. Without hunts, farmers will just dump them. There'll have to be a giant incinerator in the Forest And more across the country. The taxpayer will have to foot the bill for what the hunts have always done — and that'll be a lot of money.

Hunt chairman Peter Barfoot, 47, is depressed: "There's a lot of ramifications. We're still picking up dead animals because we're decent chaps. I suppose, but there's the deserted kennels and nothing

for people in the winter any more." Others are trying to work out how to fill the deadstock void. Arthur Barlow, the Forestry Commission's deputy surveyor in the area says: "We're having urgent talks with farmers and Forest wardens. We can't have animals dumped. The hunts perform a valuable service. Without them it would be a cost on the taxpayer."

The New Forest East Tory MP Julian Lewis is worried too, and has written to Agreulture Minister Jack Cunningham warning urgently of the consequences if hunting were banned. This is a problem on a massive scale. It's what happens when day, poisoned by eating acorns.

Stride says: "I've had three farmers on systems on ideological grounds."

> Lucy said: "We support the hunt because this area is teeming with

> as his father Lance dashed along on foot, leading him and his friend Penelope. 9, at a spanking trot. Mr Fairweather, a paper merchant, said: "Although hunting was a family tradition for me, we only came back to it recently because it

the children having a go and we hired a pony for Charlie from the stables — £20 a day. He loves it."

After working in a huge loop across the pretty landscape of small finds and the charles of the charles are the charles and the charles are the charles and the charles are the charles a fields and woodlands, the hounds started baying with the excitement of the job in hand, near the village of Ashorne. After a short chase up and down the hedgerows, they

of the young riders. "No one gets blooded these days," says Mary Sewell, one of the multitude of mothers following on foot, "although these are mostly country children who aren't wor-ried by seeing a kill because they know it's all part of the job."

killed in a nearby copse, out of sight

ven the social mix was more varied than I remembered from the few ago. Although newcomers still expect everyone to sound like Lord Snooty, Hooray Henrys, particularly in the Warwickshire Hunt, are thin on the ground. The children's meet included the offspring of window-cleaners, smallholders and publicans. Tatty trailers and battered Fords

with We Eat British Beef With Confidence stickers far outnumbered the handful of Range Rovers lined up in the paddock. Towards the end of the morning, Lucy Hiorns, with her father still in tow after a gruelling hike of around seven miles, watched fascinated at her first sight of a fox that day.

"It came down a hedge straight towards us with the hounds close behind," she said, still breathless at the memory. "We turned it and the hounds caught it about 20 yards from us. In a few seconds there was nothing left. I wasn't upset — it's one less fox to take our geese and

ignorant townies." Lou Powell-Brett, a GP on an excited hireling agreed. "I've only been out once before and I'm not a great rider but I do think it's vital to wave the flag." he said. "If hunting is banned, this may be one of the few times my tenyear-old daughter Sarah gets to

Sarah said: "I love hurtling over fences with my friends and seeing bits of the countryside you can't usually ride over because they're

privately owned." Like most of the young riders, she wore a badge bearing her name and phone number in case anyone became lost or knocked out, and wore the fawn jodhpurs and tweed jacket known as "ratcatcher". This is the traditional garb for the informal early season outings, which this year, for the first time, are being referred to as "autumn hunting" rather than "cubbing". The hunts start early,

soon after first light, and the foxes

chased are young but fullygrown, already hunting for themselves

Richard Shepherd, a refired farmworker, had been up since 4am, to help terrier man Roger Jones block up 15 earths while the foxes were out looking for food.

On the dot of eight, the hounds were transformed at the toot of the huntsman's horn into a focused river of sleek coats, pouring into the of "hound music" when they hailed a snatch of scent gave way to silence and the children ranged around the hedges bordering the wood straining their eyes in vain-for the sight of a fox breaking cover. Seven-year-old Lucy Hiorns,

whose father Peter, a neighbouring farmer, led her rough-coated pony Poppy on foot for most of the morning, said many of their fowls had been taken in broad daylight wood beside the meet. A brief burst. by foxes digging under the coops.

foxes and they kill our chickens." Minutes later, six-year-old Char-lie Fairweather toppled off his pony

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Don't panic, it's a siskin

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ONE SUNNY morning last week I was passing a wood with some graceful, dark fir trees in it. They were hemiocks, a North American species that is often grown over here, and in the sunshine their small, dangling cones looked almost

Suddenly I became aware of light, flitting movements among the branches, and when I turned my field glasses on to the trees I found several siskins hanging under the cones, picking out the seeds. Tinkling. twanging calls were also coming from the trees behind them, and I realised I had stumbled across a flock of these little green finches.

By now, most spruce firs have cattered their seeds, and siskins, which tease the seeds out of the spruce cones for much of the sum-mer, have usually turned their attention to the black cones in the alder trees. However, this enterprising little flock had discovered that not all of the hemlock cones were empty yet, and were making the most of their find.

Suddenly there was a buzzing, twanging outburst of noise, and about 30 siskins swept into the air from all the hemlock treetops around, circled in a tight flock, then scattered and fell like little green droplets of water into the branches again. It had been one of the "panic attacks" that regularly afflict siskin flocks, with no visible cause. They last only a few seconds before the



Siskins are small, restless birds

birds hurry back to their food. I watched the siskins for a while. I had good views of them in the low sunshine, and could pick out the yellow-green males with their black caps, and the duller green females with their streaky sides. But they were restless, darting from one tree to another, and before long they had all

It is known that a siskin flock willsometimes travel 30 miles in a day. They need to make the most of the daylight, and it is not worth lingering in any clump of trees once they have picked off the easy seeds. Better to find food that can be gathered quickly somewhere else, then come back tomorrow when more seeds will have ripened.

For most of the winter they can be found in birch or alder trees. They will also pick up alder seed where it has fallen on a lake shore or been washed up on a river bank. Resourceful creatures, they have even been seen floating on water lily leaves where alder seeds have dropped. In recent years, they have often been lured into gardens in the bleak days of January and February by peanuts. Large numbers come to Britain in

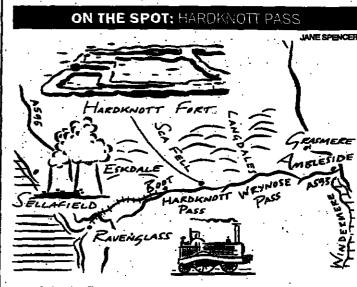
the winter from further north, but in the summer in Britain they are predominantly birds of the Scottish and northern English spruce forests. However, reports of them nesting in southern England have been growing more frequent, and they seem to

be a thriving species.

In the spring they make their nests of fir twigs and heather at the outer end of spruce branches, where they are hard to get at. But one, more trusting, pair in Scotland built a nest in a flowerpot hanging from the roof of a house. I think they are steadily going to become more confiding and more familiar birds in Britain.

DERWENT MAY

♦ What's about Birders — look out for noisy flocks of fieldfares arriving for the winter from Scandinavia. Twitchers hoopoe at Wallasey, Wirral; common yellowthroat, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, short-toed lark, Salthouse, Norfolk. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222. Calls



The place: Hardknott Fort, Hardknott Pass, Cumbria. The view: the fort lies on a plateau on the fellside and from this vantage point is an excellent view of the crags and green slopes of the Eskdale valley. To the north are the rugged Scafell mountains.

Appeal: desolate, exposed spot reached by an exhilarating drive. Afficionados: Lakeland locals, hikers and brave drivers. Historic Interest: the best-preserved fort in the Lake District dates from

the 2nd century and contains the remains of a parade ground, barracks and bath houses. The Romans built it as a link between Ambleside and the port of Ravenglass. The approach from Wrynose Pass is one of the most exciting in Europe with hairpin bends and gradients of 1:3. Time to visit: spectacular at dusk or dawn.

How to get there: from A593 take road via Wrynose Pass to Hardknott Pass. Park on the right after steep descent from the summit and walk 100

OS map ref: 219/015 on sheet 90. Also nearby: Miniature railway from Boot to Ravenglass, Wordsworth museum at Grasmere and the nuclear power plant at Sellafield. The beautiful Langdales are 7 miles east.

DEBORAH KING

after a storm of letters about the great wasp horror — readers target insects, soil pollution and the millennium project This month

never cease to be amazed at the way certain words in this weekly column can trigger totally unexpected reactions on such a vast scale. The Chaos Theory suggests that the air disturbance caused by the beating of a butterfly's wings as she flutters through the South Pacific may eventually lead to the depression which brings sharp showers to Burnley; and if scientists need further proof of the chaos small things can cause. they should examine my postbag. It seems that the lightest tremor turns into a shockwave of reaction.

In the past six months, to judge from your letters, there has been little of interest in the countryside which does not relate to either wasps or sewage disposal. There you go! I can already hear the

scratching of nibs on paper.

Weeks back, I hinted that I had little time for wasps. This brought forth some hurricane-force letters that are still buzzing around. Many express the view that the sanctity of all God's creatures is inviolate. I cannot print any more of them, already having enough to wallpaper an outside lavatory (another subject which I dare hardly mention again). But I will offer you the thoughts of retired Turn the dome upside down and minerals and life-

surgeon John Dickson of Westerfield, myself and this newspaper from the near Ipswich, who writes:

How horrid of us to seek to annihilate, e.g., the polio virus, or to exterminate smallpox, the dear tsetse flies, the malaria mosquitoes, the fleas that transmit plague, or the loveable larvae which travel through the blood stream till it blocks the retinal artery, causing African river blindness. Two cheers for leprosy! The trouble with the soppy and soggy "God's Creature's School" is that soggy Goa's Creature's School Is that they are totally lignorant of biology, pathology, and the multiple horrors of the insect world and of the depths of the oceans. Christ Himself set an unfortunate example by causing the Gadarene swine to Jump off the cliff. Though how one gets rid of a spirit by throwing it over one gets rid of a spirit by throwing it over a precipice. I have never understood.

To save you ink and paper, and in the interests of animal welfare as well as to comply with the Ministry of Agriculture's code of practice, I must dissociate

idea of causing swine to jump off cliffs, no matter how possessed by evil spirits they may be. (As a frustrated pig-own-er, I have often been tempted by their actions to jump off the cliff myself.) In comparison with wasps

er letters followed the

thoughts I offered on

the sanctity of the soil as the bedrock of all life on this planet. Perhaps this tells us something. However, I do have the support of Neil Winship, who runs a composting and organic waste business. He writes:

How right to encourage our thanks for the wondrous top soil, with its blend of

DOWN TO EARTH



ronmental pollution recommended that soils must be conserved as an essential part of lifesupport systems and

sustaining microbes,

for surely our funda-

mental wealth comes

out of the ground —

God willing - by

growing or mining. Readers may not be

aware that the Royal

Commission on envi-

should be accorded the same priority in environmental protection as water and air. Converting us to say "lovely as loam" similarly to "fresh as air" or "clean as water" may be quixotic, but from those of us who are trying to compost society's food and garden wastes so they can renourish our soil, thanks for trying.

The Royal Commission's recommendations are interesting. Regular television slots are given to reports on airquality, and the purity of drinking water is hardly ever out of the headlines. If, in addition, regular reports were presented on that day's additions of chemicals to the soil — organic and inorganic — might this precious commodity not become as highly regarded as the air and water?

etter still, as an indicator of soil health, might now we institute a national worm count? The organic health of a soil is said to be directly associated with the numbers of earthworms present. This is why, if you dig a spadeful of organically farmed soil, you hope to see a writhing mass on the end of your spade. But dig a lump of intensively farmed land and you will realise that the worms have left town because they know what's good for them. Worm counts, surely, cannot be all that difficult to organise and verify scientifically? If we

Finally, a word of sympathy for the doctor from Kent, featured here last month, who failed to find a wife through the lonely hearts column of the apparentstreetwise, but clearly narrow-minded. ime Out magazine. The doctor insisted the young lady he was seeking should share his appreciation of cesspits. Time Out thought there was something mucky about his suggestion, and refused to print the word.

However, Derek Martin, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, reminds us that:

As we approach the 21st century, there are about one million houses in England without mains drainage. They are not all remote. In the district where I live, there are some 500 houses not on the mains — and we are less than 30 miles from Trafalgar Square. It would be more sensible to commemorate the Millennium with a massive extension of the mains drainage system instead of spending money on a dumb dome at Greenwich.

Sorry, Mr Martin, but I think you're wrong. Turn that dome upside down, and just think of what a truly great septic tank it would make.

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters, of all kinds. Address them to: Paul Heiney, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. They are published on the first Saturday of the month.



After a grand entry, the Lipizzaners of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna perform their "dancing" routine, a choreography of "airs above the ground" or classical jumps that have their origins in the battlefield







Creatures that can dance in the air their origin in the battlefield, as a means of attacking the enemy. All Lipizzaner horses may be bred to leap and fly, but it still takes ten years to train one, Lin Jenkins reports

stallion off-duty is disappointing. Short and stocky, he bears none of the hallmarks of that tradition of British equestrian exellence, the thoroughbred But looks are not everything. In a Viennese Whirl originally choreoraphed for the battlefield in centuies past, the white horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna

dance like a dream. In the absence of wars, they maintain their heritage not just as some kind of archaic speciacle, but as a celebration of classical riding. Which goes some way towards explaining why their British tour is all but sold out.

At the Nynex Arena in Manchester next week, they will perform before the biggest-ever crowd for an equestrian event inthis country. With Vienna and dancing white

stallions as attractions, the riding school inevitably pulls in a healthy contingent of toe-tapping Blue Danube enthusiasts, the "sugarcake" crowd that also turns out for concerts by the Vienna Boys Choir. But these waltzers are in the minority, say the organisers. At least one-third of the audience in any show - and they always sell - buy their rickets "because they know what the horses are doing. Pony-mad children and dressage aficionados turn out in

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, their droves. The horses are extraordinary. No other breed produces foals which are black or brown, then turn grey reach their teens. Nor has any one breed been so selectively bred and trained for one task alone: to dance

The original stock bred at Lipizza, or Lipiaça, in Slovenia, near Trieste, established in 1530, was largely of a even more ancient breed that still exists, the Andalucian. Their offspring are low part of the only academy where pure classical horsemanship

s practised as an art, using the

methods taught by the Greek military leader Xenophon 400 years before Christ.

When the stallions enter the arena to perform a quadrille, or an individual horse the capriole or similar gymnastic movement, there is not a sound. Each horse is finely trained to respond to the invisible touch of its rider - the increased weight of one seat bone, an extra squeeze with a calf muscle, or the light touch of a hand on a rein.

The Spanish Riding School is no circus act, yet its reputation has been sullied in recent years by an American outfit advertising itself as The Dancing White Stallions", references to Vienna and Spanish White Horses. Its riders, 100, are mounted on Lipizzaners, and wear the distinctive tricorn hats, albeit fore and aft rather than the correct left to right. But in terms

of classical ideal, they are roughly equivalent to the village panto.

Tony Fressler, the general secretary to the Anglo-Austrian Society. which organised the British tour, is dismissive of them: "When you go to Las Vegas and tire of the gambling, you can go and see their glitzy act."

The amipathy runs deep. The Spanish Riding School has not visited America since the Seventies. Spanish Riding School."

because of the impostors. "Many people in Britain say they have seen the Lipizzaners and they were no good," Mr Fressler says. "But they were not the true Lipizzaners of the In Britain, the Advertising Standards Authority forced the Ameri-

cans to amend their tour

advertisements with small print

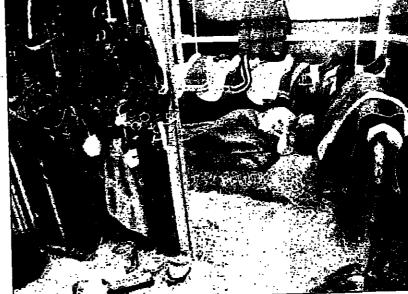
disclaimer saying: "Not the Span-

ish Riding School." But the Ameri-

can outfit can at least justify its claim to Lipizzaner horses because it has been buying up horses rejected by the Vienna school, which has a stud at Piber in the Austrian Alps, where the pastures are organically farmed.

ot all the colts meet the demands of the school: some are never chosen and sold on; some are discarded after a year or two; others, including many mares, are broken to harness or as riding horses and sold. At least four stallions now stand at stud in Britain. So, it is not surprising that someone chose the second string to mimic the classical performers.

For the first time, the Spanish Riding School is touring with eight mares (with foals at foot), two colts and six fillies. They will have five



Above: Johannes Hammiger, the stable manager, with one of his charges. Right: at night, grooms sleep beside the Lipizzaners to reassure them and guard them

grooms of their own, where the rider, who rides the brown/black performing stallions have ten. As is the custom at home each night, two grooms will sleep in camp beds beside their charges to reassure

them and guard them from harm. It takes at least ten years from initial training, which begins at three years, to teach the Haute Ecole movements. The horse's value is inestimable, since all do stud duties, yet they are insured for a token £10,000 to cover veterinary

bills and other expenses. To give them a value would be absurd," Mr Fressler says. "There is no way you could replace one at that standard. We have to have a special policy, since horse insurance generally stops at 16 years, and we have very lew performing

horses under that age. I think the oldest coming to Britain is 24." ground", or classical jumps, have Arthur Konas, the first chief

had an enviable film career and proved an easy and willing hack from which to lead his son Stephen's pony. He wrote: "Lipizzaners are a

stallion Favory Alea II, one of the

few foals which failed to change

colour, is sceptical about the dam-

age done to their popularity by so-

appreciate the patience and care

that have gone into producing work

that looks so effortless. It is the

result of horse and rider partner-

ships lasting many years. You do

not have to understand a subject to

What they do so well is to

demonstrate what a supple horse

bred for a specific purpose is

capable of. It is not the walk, trot or

canter of a countryside riding

school, but it is not a circus trick

either. At the stud in Piber, both

mares and young stock perform the

The celebrated "airs above the

movements naturally in the field.

know when it is done well."

called circus acts.

smallish breed, seldom more than 15 hands, have a gentle temperament and submit easily to training. They have a kind and exhilarating personality and large, expressive eyes, partly owing to centuries of training give the most balanced ride you could wish for "

horses are now descended from six stallions bred for that purpose and

all bear their names: Favory. Siglavy, Conversono, Neapolitano,

The white stallions are probably

more popular than ever in Britain.

A neighbour of mine acquired one

which had performed in the Portu-

guese bullring before being given to an English diplomat. He ended up

with Kenneth Quicke, who wrote a

book, Immortal Henry, about the

fascinating experience of owning

such a talented and charismatic

animal. His account describes how

it danced in rubber shoes at bulls.

Pluto and Maestoso.

The one I rode was a descendant of Siglavy and was stabled with a talented dressage rider in Spain. He certainly gave a balanced ride, but his "exhilarating personality" left me floundering in the dust of the sand school.

Modern dressage is dominated by a German ideal, based on the breeding of "warm bloods", a cross of heavy farm-working animals and finer stock. The weight in the hands and the forward movement of the horse have for years been more fashionable than the compact confirmation and collected work of breeds like the Lipitzaner. But

there is a backlash. The Mediterranean breeds have never enjoyed such popularity. And no more spectacular example of this popularity exists than the Spanish Riding School of Vienna. which has maintained its act in pure form for such a long time.

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Hooked on fly fishing

NOVEMBER 7-9

Practise for the piste: Dry-ski weekends on artificial ski slope in Weymouth. Dorset. From Parkdean Holidays (0191-224 0500). For two or three nights, prices from £70. Fishing, canoeing and boating weekends near Closely. tage Holidays (01237 479698). Prices for a three-night break. self-carering, from E103 for

four people.

English landscape painting at the Earnley Concourse,
Chichester, West Sussex (01243 670392); £142 resident-

ial: E98 non-residential.

Poetry and prose of the Great

War: Chamber music for amateurs, Modern gardening: Hat making for beginners. Some courses this weekend at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucking-hamshire (01494 890295). From £159.

Drama workshops at the Unicorn Theatre for Children. Arts Theatre, Great Newport St. London WC2 (0171-379 3280). Sunday 9 November, Playwriting and Teddy Bears. Price per session £7.50.

Calligraphy and cards Writing memoirs. Cities of the Baltic (art history). All at Belstead House, Ipswich, Suf-folk (01473 686321). From £75.95 inclusive.

Woodland wildlife in autumn: Painting plants: Improve your watercolours. A selection of painting courses at Flatford Mill, East Bergholt. in Constable country (01208 298283). From £79 inclusive. Making the most of your camera: Portraiture techniques. Découpage. At the Hill Residential Centre, Abergavenny (01495 333777): E88

The world's first city: London in the 19th century. Lingerie and blouses;



Paint woodland wildlife at Flatford Mill, November 7-9

Chinese brush painting. At Knuston Hall, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northampton-shire (01933 312104). From £89,

Fish and vegetarian cookery. At Ynyshir Hall, Machynlleth, Mid-Wales, (01654 781209); £170, inclusive. Smallholder workshops on keeping sheep: At the Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent. (01233 861493). Also courses on poultry, pigs, ducks and geese. From £18 per session. B&B nearby.

Buying and owning a PC, Write a short story. This weekend at the Old Rectory. Fittleworth, West Sussex (01798 865306). From £114. Medieval and Renaissance

palaces of Europe. At the University of Oxford, Rawley House, Oxford (01865 270360)

NOVEMBER 14-16

Cycletouring. Three-night cycling breaks in Cheshire with Byways Bike Breaks (0151-722 8050). Price El10 including luggage transfer.

The road to Santiago and Muslim Spain; Exoticism and Western architecture; images of the body. Three courses this weekend at the University of Cambridge, Madingley Hall, Cambridge (01954 210636) Prices from E111

Italy: The winter sky: Victorian and Edwardian architecture in London; Bridge, improve your ACOL bidding, Promoting a sense of wellbeing. A selection of courses at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire (01494 890295). Price £159 residential. £59 nonresidential.

Colonialism in the 19th and 20th centuries Music of the 1920s and 1930s. All this weekend at Wedgwood Me-morial College, Barlaston, Staffordshire (01782 372105). Price £36, including full board

Cooking for Christmas; Scottish country dancing: Pastels for beginners. All this weekend at the Earnley Concourse, Chichester, West Sussex (01243 670392); winter bro-



Get away from it all: try fly fishing in the Grampians, November 14-16, with all equipment, instruction and accommodation included

chure now available. Weekend rates from £142 residential, £98 non-residential Scrabble weekend: Bridge

for beginners: Gourmet cooking. All this weekend in the Welsh Marches with Acorn Activities (01432 830083). Price £125, inclusive. Antumn fruit and flowers in gouache: Egyptology. Two courses this weekend at Belstead House Education Centre, lpswich, Suffolk (01473 886321). From E75-E95

bridge at Hawthorn Bridge. Hove, East Sussex (01895 824240). Price from £127. Train driving in Wales. Learn to drive a steam train with the Fairbourne and Barmouth Railway line in Gwynedd for £98 per day (01341 250362). Practical courses on all aspects of steam trains on four engines. B&B available.

Cake design for Christmas; Crafts for Christmas; Yoga; Calligraphy. Four courses at Horncastle College, Horn-castle, Lincolnshire (01507 522449). Price £87 inclusive. Abseiling, rafting, tank driving, walking. Fly fishing, all in Scotland with Tartan Colection Activities (01339 883500). Prices, including equipment, instruction and accommodation in first-class hotels. £179.

Woodcarving Guitar ensemble weekend: Painting detail

workshop for those with back problems. All at the Old Rectory, Fittleworth, West Sussex (01798 865306). Brochure available. Weekend rates from £114 residential. £90 non-residential.

fool's paradise? At Braziers, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxford-shire (01491 680221). Price £92,

inclusive. Conservation in action: Batik and silk painting Working in oils. All this weekend at the

Mill, East Bergholt, in Consta-

Field Studies Centre, Flatford

ble country (01206 298283) Prices from £79-£184, all inclusive: Nineteenth century dance:

Floral arts Calligraphy. Welsh. All this weekend at the Hill Residential Centre, Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent, (01495 333777) Price £88, full Tax for the self-employe

History of the visual arts, Ti jai for beginners. Theatre and audience. A selection of courses at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucking hamshire (01494 890295) Prices from £59 residential. £59 non-residential. The story of the First World

War, First steps in parch-ment craft, German. All this

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ROBIN NEILLAD

Incarceration was

not always as

terrifying as we believed, an

exhibition shows

orrifying instruments of torture give a misleadingly frightful im-pression of what it was like to be a prisoner in the Tower of London. Geoffrey Parnell, the Keeper of Tower History, says the macabre thumbscrews, manacles and the Scavenger's Daughter now in an exhibition, Prisoners of the Tower: Treason, Torture and Execution, at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds - are merely display objects, "but I can't seem to stop the yeoman warders telling people that they are the ones used

In fact, for a prisoner of rank and means incarceration in the Tower could be almost luxurious. Among them was Henry Percy, the 9th Duke of Northumberland, whose misfortune was to give a dinner on the eve of the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 to a kinsman who turned out to be one

of the chief conspirators.

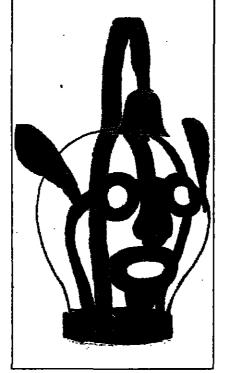
Found guilty of withholding knowledge of the plot, Northumberland was fined £11,000 and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Tower, although he was eventually released after 16 years. Even after paying the huge fine, the wealthy Northumberland was well able to ply the officers of the Tower with gifts and gratuities, in exchange for which he was allowed to make the Tower a home from home. The degree to which he did so would have seemed incredible to anyone who had been imprisoned in the Tower under the rigidly oppressive regime of the Tudors.

Dissatisfied with the first quar-

ters he was allotted in the Bloody Tower, Northumberland complained that they were "noysome with the savours from the ditches" and had himself moved to the Martin Tower, where he was to live in considerable style in apartments that ran to a study, a library, a great chamber, a withdrawing room, two drawing rooms and an accommodation for some of his 20 servants. For seven years, he even leased lodgings in the nearby Brick Tower for his son and his son's tutor, and visited them regularly. He was not so assiduous about keeping in touch with his wife.

Northumberland had been friendly with Sir Walter Raleigh years before they became fellow prisoners in the Tower, Raleigh sentenced on similarly flimsy evidence, and they shared many interests. They regularly visited each other's quarters to smoke tobacco and discuss philosophy or chemistry, sharing their conversation with the men of learning whom they paid to attend on them. such as Thomas Harriott the mathematician and Robert Hughes

Raleigh had apartments in the



Right the Irish 18thcentury gibbett was typically displayed by a busy roadside as a warning to passersby of the likely penalty if they committed a crime

Left: the iron Scold's

of London but was acquired in the 19th

collection

Bridle, designed for the public humiliation of "unruly" women, was

never used in the Tower

century as a curiosity to 'enhance" its historical

Sent for a stretch in the Tower

Today the Bloody Tower is furnished to evoke Raleigh's imprisonment with a bed and other furniture, rush matting on the floor, objets d'art and a tapestry a far cry from the dank prison cell of our imaginings. But Raleigh's end was not a happy one. He was executed in 1618 after 13

years of imprisonment. Refusing a blindfold, he said: Think you I fear the shadow of the axe when I fear not the axe itself?" He asked to feel the edge of the axe and then said: This is a sharp medicine but it is a physician for all

Some of the Tower's instruments of torture were not even acquired

until the 19th or early 20th century. "That was a time says. "It's an instrument of rewhen the image of the Tower as a place of torture and punishment was being enhanced," Dr Parnell says. "Things like our executioner's mask - actually part of a Scold's Bridle, altered to make it look fearsome - are 19th-century objects that were either manufactured or purchased to beef up that romantic notion," Dr Parnell says. The rack had been decommissioned by 1675, "but a lot of visitors think people were still having their

upper storey of the Bloody Tower with his wife and son Carew, who was born in the Tower in 1605.

limbs stretched during the 17th and 18th centuries. They're horrified to find that we've done more executions in the 20th century. Show them our chair used in 1941 for shooting a German spy and they're quite unnerved."

Whatever the history of the

pieces on show in Leeds, there is evidence of nearly 100 instances of torture at the Tower, many of them in the reign of Elizabeth I. Full use of the rack or the Scavenger's Daugh-ter would have caused Torture. serious injury or death, tools were but they were usually applied gradually and some of the prisoners acquired

quickly recovered on

an hour," Dr Parnell

just for being set free. One of our curators romantic tried the Scavenger's Daughter years ago and notions' he found it excruciatingly painful after about

> straint that compressed the body, and that's when your spine begins to tell you things." Perhaps the fact, and shame, of being in prison at all were as

painful as torture itself. The exhibition also has plaster casts of inscriptions scratched or carved by prisoners on to their cell walls. One, Charles Bailly, carved a message on a wall of the Beauchamp Tower that echoes the



the world is he that is not patient in adversities. For men are not killed with the adversities they have but with ye impatience which they

Bailly was later released, having been put on the rack and given his torturers details of the Ridolfi plot of 1571 against Elizabeth I.

Only one famous Tower prisoner - Anne Boleyn - died by the sword. When Nicholas Boole, the head of public relations at the Royal Armouries Museum, was asked recently by a television reporter whether the axe or the sword was the more painful method of execution, he replied: "Luckily I am in no position to judge."

SUE CORBETT • The exhibition "Prisoners in the

Tower: Treason, Torture and Execution" is at the Royal Armouries Museum, Armouries Drive. Leeds (0113-220 1999) until January 4 • The Tower of London. Tower Hill. London EC3 (0171-709 0765) is open daily (except December 24-26 and January I) Mon and Sun (Oam-Apm.

Railway stories to get all steamed up about

Life on the fast.

track meant

sharing a bed

There is a lasting glamour about the days of steam and the men who worked the engines, Sue Corbett writes. Drivers of the 1920s and 1930s were the highest paid working-class men of their time and the envy of every schoolboy.

But life on the footplate was hard, particularly for the fireman. On a trip of 160 miles, he might have to shovel eight tons of coal, and the heat from the firebox was often so fierce that it would burn the hairs off his legs, even-through his overalls. "I haven't a single hair on my legs now," says James Lee, 74, a retired fireman on the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER) from Doncaster. Recently. Mr Lee and his brother Walter, 69, also a retired

fineman, went with 24 of their

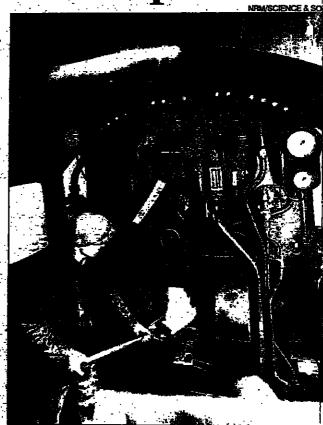
former footplate colleagues to talk about the old days of steam to staff at the National Railway Museum in York. They are helping the museum create an oral archive about a harsh working lifestyle of which most of modern Britain is totally ignorant. "You hear about miners, fishermen and steel-workers," Walter says, "but our job, in some respects, was equally difficult. Today's health and safety people would have closed down the footplate part of the railway industry because of unsafe and unsavoury working conditions."

Theirs was a lifestyle that would horrify the modern-day railwayman with his comfortable cab, better signalling systems, better brakes and a vigilance device going off every 40 seconds

David Mosley, of the National Railway Museum's education service, is conscious that time is running out to collect the old railwaymen's experiences. "Some men who are in their sixties and eventies still have a lot to tell us." The Lees, who notched up 38 vears on steam trains between

1939 and 1967, came from a long-

Brothers Walter and James Lee



On a 160-mile journey a fireman might shovel eight tons of cil

established railway family, totting up 175 railway years between them from the time of their grandfather down to Walter's son, Christopher, 36, who works for Railtrack. Their father, James William, fired the first Pacific engine into King's Cross, London, in the 1920s.

Doncaster called Hyde Park," Walter Te lived in a district of says. There were drivers, fire-men, guards and shunters all living together. My mother fed my dad on one shift me on another, and Jim on a third, so the table in our house was never unset and food was always being prepared."

Life under steam was not only harsh, it was highly regimented. Footplatemen started, aged 15, cleaning locomotives, worked up to become a cleaner, aged 16 or 17, and were allowed out firing engines only if the depot was short of a fireman, probably on goods trains. After about 300 shifts as a temporary fireman (which could take from two to five years) a man could become a fireman, first on local goods trains and working up to express passenger trains. A-railwayman might be in his fifties before he qualified to drive the top express passenger trains.

"Some drivers were disciplinarians," Walter says, "and wouldn't

speak to their fireman allhe shift. I've heard tales of drers getting a piece of chalk ind marking the fireman's poson and the driver's place, and by ing, 'Don't overstep the mari' That attitude must have nide life difficult in some of these railwaymen's lodgings. As alre-

man in the 1940s, Leonda, Glasspool used to work cells.
Bristol to Leeds run, out of the and back the next, which man a staying at the enginemen's litteat Leeds, where he was expect; to share a double bed within driver.

Conditions were similar in London, Walter says. "Whern, dad was lodging at Keisl Town, he'd be getting into ae someone else had just got out and it would still be warm.

"Express drivers were the creme de la creme," he says, it the pay was good. The men 1. drove the large Pacific traing the express journeys to Loui were on extra money — the £20 a week, when the aver weekly wage was £5. They known as the Mahogany because they could afford furniture."

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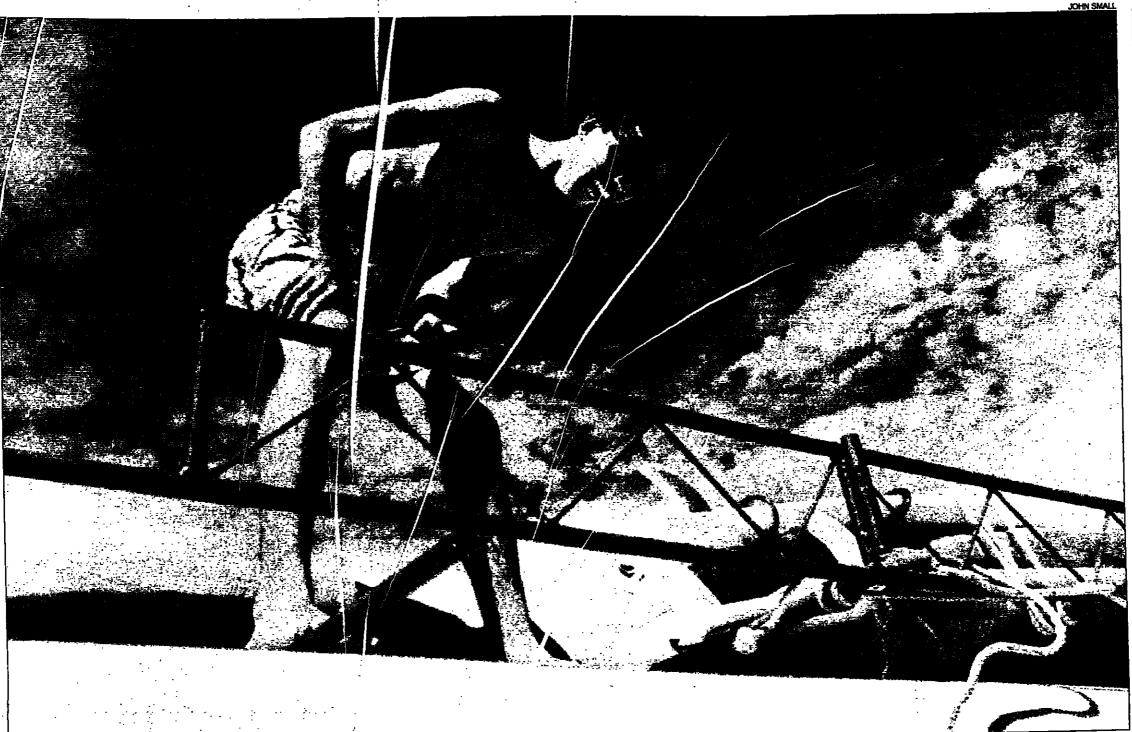
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Where life is a beach and a board



Waiting for the big one: a surfer helps to unload boards at the Bluff, a remotion of coastline hundreds of miles north of Perth, which has some of the best surf in the world

fell on to the pillow behind me, just where my head had been."

Phil "Oggie" Ogden is the

ultimate boss at the Bluff,

although the title is a passive

one. Lie here is based on

ageism. Fortysomething Phil,

like thirtysomething Mark, is

old. Respect, therefore, is due

- most of the time. "I have

had to throw a few people out

for misbehaving," he says.

Details are sketchy. Fighting.

stealing and generally rocking

the Bluff are crimes, punish-

Oggie and his wife Sue run

able by ostracism.

The dedicated surfers of the Bluff, Western Austr alia, have only one aim in life to catch that perfect wave before it crashes on to the coral, says Jeremy Hart

was the FNG. NG stands for New Guy. Lily-liver white, as starched as a city stockbroker and his Jermyn Street shirt, I stuck out like a sore thumb in a hedonistic world of spliffs and surfing.

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was at the Bluff, stuck to the most remote stretch of the Western Australian coastline, closer to Singapore and Bali than Sydney or Brisbane. Hundreds of miles north of Perth, the Bluff is a strip of sand no wider than a tennis court, between the red haze of the outback and the deep blues of the Indian Ocean, where some of the best surfing waves

in the world break. If this was Alex Garland's sun-kissed nirvana of The Beach, the cult novel where heaven and hell eventually meet on the golden shores of the shark-infested South China Sea, I would be the kiss of death, the messenger taking news of the Bhuff, surfing's last secret, to the outside world.

Sun-kissed and sharkinfested like The Beach and inhabited by a transient tribe, the Bluff, too, is ultimately protected from package tourism and blatant commercialism by its remoteness. Like a nudist beach, it is coveted by the curious but avoided by all but the most devoted.

These are the Capricorn Drifters, named more for their tropical alfresco habitat than their inability to put down roots, a few dozen of Australian surfing's most dedicated. They are living proof that Joh. Major's dream of a class¹ society does exist - all caves 9,000 miles aw eit in Ay In a uniform of sur baggies (shorts), shleached often ripped s yet vibrant

dals) and tans as deep as the Indian Ocean, these long-haul disciples of surfing spread out over half a mile of craggy and partially sandy cove north of Carnarvon in an amphibious life on the edge of society.

- It is a transient but closed commune. Unannounced arrivals without an introduction are not welcome. Rookie surfers are even less accepted.Put a virgin surfer in the thundering waters of the Indian Ocean at the Bluff, where it crashes on to coral as sharp as a knife, and he will end up as shark food. You have to be crazy to surf the Bluff. So I didn't.

days to make the journey, h Aut then he thinks it is worth effort. Once there, Mark j' pins with about 40 "sur fees" who live in the back of tutes (pick-up trucks), under canvas, or like latter-day cr avemen in two coral hollows in the cliff

In a world with out social order, Mark is as . close as anyone comes to being at the top—so his is the biggest cave at the Bluff. It is a little corner of paradise, albeit a noisy one. The roar of the c cean beating at the entrance drowns out most normal conversation. Suddenly, the spray from a

the Munch Box, a land-locked When the surf's up, that's all it takes to make us content. There's nothing to be tense

about

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ne Munch Box serves a "belly-busting" ten-inch hamburger

gargantuan wave, the seventh

in an aiready massive swell.

sweeps inside, catching Mark

and his mate Eric by surprise.

Mark Antal, however, is a little crazier than most. Each year the former Australian Rules football player drives his dilapidated jalopy 3,000 miles from suburban Melbourne across the Nullarbor Plain, and then a further 18 hours north from Perth to reach the Bluff. It takes three

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It drenches their legs. It is the closest I get to the surf all day. That's the biggest one today," Mark says, though he seems unperturbed. Sometimes the sea gets in here and we have to move all the stuff

out." Not that there is a huge amount of "stuff" to remove. Cardboard boxes half-full with tins of food, a gas stove. and a few sleeping bags -these make up the household contents of the Big Cave, as his abode is known. little more than ten feet high, the ceiling

of the den is lined with a fragile mixture of coral and limestone -bits of which have a bothersome habit of falling off at inopportune moments. "One night I was lying in bed and, for no reason at all, I sat bolt

tin caravan and palm-leaf veranda that serves as the beach dining room. The best thing on the menu is a bellybusting hamburger spanning ten inches from bun to bun. "We have to produce good food, says Oggie, a former printer. "The guys here can go fishing, or go into town [Carnarvon is two hours away] and buy cheap food and have time to cook up a three course meal if they want to. So we've got to come up with the goods." Sue Ogden is a "gidget", a female surfer and an unusual commodity at the Bluff. The few girls who do turn up are seen as good for one thing only hence their scarcity. But Sue is one of the boys.

By noon, the temperature on the rocks is way into 90F and few surfers want to be out of the water. Slipping his tattered wetsuit over his thigh-length baggies, Mark grabs his action. Tip-toeing down the

surf, he looks more like a denly this huge chunk of roof mincing ballet dancer than a macho surfer. But once in the water it is a different matter, as he bulls and powers his way through the foaming surf, ducking his head each time a

wave crashes over him. Eventually, he is out in smooth water with the rest of the wave-hunting pack. Surfers take their turns to ride the waves, lining up as if in a bus queue, except that here they wait prostrate on six-foot fibreglass thruster boards. At last in pole position, Mark sees a wave with his name on it. It rears up behind him like the maw of a whale. His arms spin into a flailing motion and his board hooks itself into the

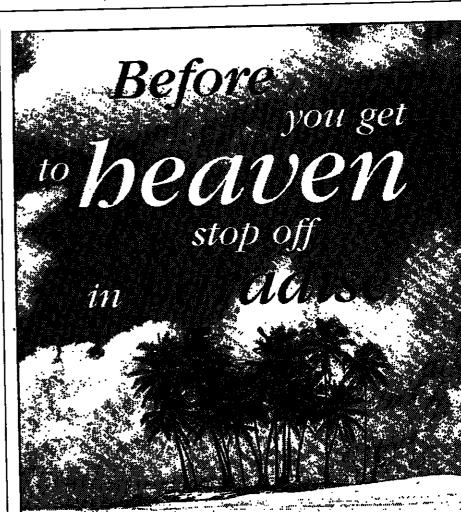
power of the wave. Now on his feet, kept in olace by sticky surf wax, Mark bends low as he skims across the face of the blue wall of water. A tube opens in front of him like the entrance to a tunnel and he steers directly into its centre. A few seconds pass as Mark rides out of sight inside the cavernous hole and then, like a bullet, he shoots out into the bright sunlight.

The surfers at the Bluff are not the biggest creatures in these waters. Sharks and dolphins share the surf, too. As yet there have been no duels for superiority. The sharks are well enough fed by the shoals of fish passing through the region, so they tend to ignore the surfers - although tense moments are not uncommon.

Time matters little in these parts, but on most evenings around five the Munch Box plays host to do-or-die card sharks locked in another game of chance, one I can at last join

"How can you come up here and not sur?" Eric demands from over the top of his sunbleached cards. I shrug, "How many people went to Woodstock for the music?" I reply. Eric is cool with that. The Bluff is about more than surfing. It is a way out of life, the last great escape.

It takes a lot to ruffle the cave surfers. Stolen slots in the surf and robbed girlfriends make waves - but not for long. "When the waves are had and it has been days without a surf, there's some static - usually over card games." says Mark. "But when the surf's up, that's all it takes to make us content. There's nothing to be tense about here."



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Hawes is on the A684, 27 miles west o Al (come off at Leeming and 20 miles east of the (junction 37). The town is the centre for Upper Wensleydale and site of the Dales Countryside Museum (01969 66749 and W.R. Outhwaite & ! the Hawes ropemakers (01969 667487). Market d is Tuesday. Hawes Tourist Information and National Park Century. on 01969 667450. Other cheese experiences: Chew heese Dairy at Chewton Mendip, six m

open seven days a week except Dec 25-26 and Jai but doesn't make Cheddar cheese or Thursdays or Sundays. Tours at 1L30am, 12.15pm 1pm and 1.45pm. Adults £2.50, senior citizens £2.

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Say cheese, and the whole town smiles



The old cheese town of Hawes in Upper Wensleydale

Wallace and Gromit are not the only ones who appreciate a fine piece of Wensleydale cheese. Christian Dymond is partial to the odd slice or

two himself, so he headed for the Yorkshire Dales to see how it is made-

he ticket seller for the "cheese experience" was sporting a vibrant tie with a design festooned with mice, so I took this to be part of the corporate dress at Wensleyshire Dales. Not so. The mouse was Mickey, the tie came from Florida and Ged Cuerden was wearing it because it went with his waistcoat.

However, it would not have surprised me if the creamery had indeed turned the mouse to good promotional use. Although, as it happened, the

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and Gromit, the stars of A Close Shave and The Wrong Trousers, came along instead and everyone knows that Wallace and Wensleydale go together like cheese and bissmall cheeses with the duo's logo have been sold by Hawes creamery in the past year.

In 1992, the company was on the verge of closure. Now it produces more than 1,000 tons of cheese a year (though this is small beer compared with main manufacturers) and in 1996 the creamery attracted a quarter of a million visitors. Numbers are up 14 per cent this year.

The 1950s buildings are rather prosaic but the setting, on the outskirts of town, is idyllic. Cows peered languidly over the drystone wall as I drove into the car park and later, when I was in the 130seat restaurant, a group of schoolchildren streamed across the field as if they were taking part in an old-fashioned cereal commercial.

North of the valley, a great wedge of hill called Abbotside imposes its presence on the tourist centre of Hawes. It was at Abbotside, and elsewhere in Wensleydale, that Cistercian monks perfected the art of cheesemaking after their arrival in the 12th century. This is explained in a ten-minute video on the history and production of the cheese, which is the first port of call in this "experience".

WHERE DO I START?

http://www.wensleydale. co.uk/index.htm takes you

home page, which includes instructions on

cheeses by mail, and the

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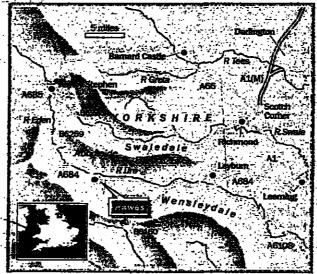
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Commercial manufacture of move which caused predictable outrage throughout the country. William Hague, the cheese started in Hawes exactly 100 years ago, when a corn merchant. Edward Chap-man, frustrated with the dif-fering quality of cheese that was available from the local farmers, decided to buy their milk and make a uniform product instead.

ince then there have been ups and downs but nothing as serious as the announcement in April 1992 by its owner, Dairy Crest, that the creamery was to close with the loss of 59 jobs, about 20 per cent of the town's working population. Rationalisation meant transferring production from

Yorkshire to Lancashire — a

local MP, apparently left his sick bed to join the campaign to keep the factory open, and the headline writers in the newspapers had a field day. "Hard cheese for famous Dales brand" and "Wensleydale workers see their fortunes crumble" were two offerings.

The protests had their effect. A management buyout en-sured the factory's survival

and production started again in time for Christmas that year. Then the headlines read Cheesy grins all round for dairy". A year and a half later, the

doors were opened to the public. "We wanted to create

festivals and on-line workshops. Among a host of competitors, http://www.ne.com.au/ hcs/ looks like the most straightforward guide to cheesemaking at home. Scan foodie magazine recipes and browse through definitions in the Food & Drink Dictionary at http: //www.epicurious.com. like the charming definition of cheese as "milk's leap towards immortality".

WELL, I NEVER! Visit Britain's best known cheese lovers, Wallace and Gromit, at any one of nearly 3,000 Web sites. Start at http://www.wallaceand eromit.com/ - but my favourne was http://www. wolsi.com/~gmac/w8g. htm., where you can download snippets of Wallace talking about cheese. The Cyber-Cheese-Chat-Chamber at http://www.erols.com/ rmu2867/chezchat.htm is nothing to do with dairy products, just cheesey



Wallace and Gromit promote the Wensleydale chese

more employment, make use of some redundant buildings and market the cheese," says Alice Amsden, a creamery director whose great-greatuncle was Edward Chapman

Mr Chapman gets a men-tion on an information board in the museum, and so does Kit Calvert - translator of the 23rd Psalm into Yorkshire dialect - who saved the factory from closure in the 1930s and ran it for many years.

The museum is small, but it successfully demonstrates how the fate of Wensleydale is inextricably linked with cheese. Exhibits include old stone cheese presses for com-munal use in the villages, butter, and cheese-making equipment from the past, a typical Dales farmhouse kitchen from the 1920s (the chair without arms was for women so they had the freedom to knit, nurse the baby or make a rug) and newspaper cuttings

from the crisis of 1992. After that, a wheelchair ramp takes you to the viewing gallery so you can see the cheese being made on the other side of four large windows. Every day, 7,000 gallons of milk from 45 local farms are put into seven stainless steel vats and the process begins. Each vat is half an hour

ahead of the one next door, which means that at one endthe milk is being poured in, while at the other the cheese is being pressed by hand into cheese moulds. All this winds

down by 2pm so, if you unt see the process, make stey visit early. Late arrival get digestible demonstration the video room instead and turn one gallon of milket with two plastic bowls, lar knife, a "starter" cultur, n net and salt.

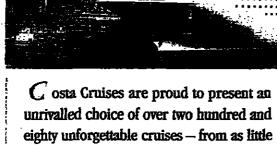
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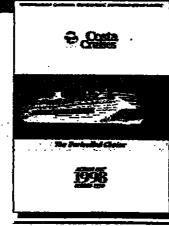
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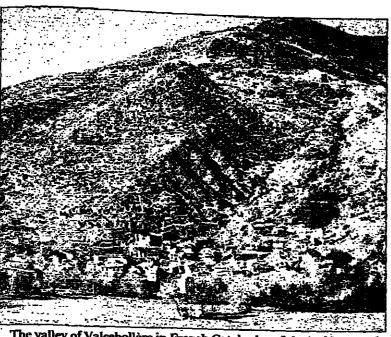


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topics of debate. SUSANNAH JOWITT Pyrenees: Step back into history as well as across the border that divides France and Spain, says Martin Symington





The valley of Valcebollère in French Catalonia, celebrated in verse by Hilaire Belloc, and (right), Auberge Les Ecureuils, or the Squirrels Inn Clash of cultures on the smugglers' trail

Do you remember an inn, Miranda? Do you remember an inn?

itting on the stone terrace of the Auberge Les Ecureuils while sipping a glass of homernade honey liqueur, I simply could not get the Hilaire Belloc couplet off my mind. I watched dusk closing in on the mountain hamlet of Valcebollère as a cowherd wielding a long stick drove his five black-and-white charges down the narrow main street. The verse continues: And the tedding and the

preading Of the straw for a bedding. And the fleas that tease in the High Pyrenees And the wine that tasted of the

And the cheers and the jeers of the young muleteers (Under the dark of the vine

verandah)? Belloc travelled through this region of the Pyrenees in 1909 and made numerous curmudgeonly observations about French Catalonia and its people. On one occasion, however, he graciously declared, the hospitality of the place is so great that you will wish to stay there", for it had "a most delicious inn. with an inn-

keeper of the very best".

This was the comment that but me in mind of Auberge Les Ecureuils (the Squirrels Inn). The proprietor, Etienne Laffitte, and his father André met us on the platform of the tiny La Tour de Carol station after our two-and-a-half-hour train journey from Toulouse. The train had climbed to the high Cerdagne plateau, through the ravines of the Ariège valley, gazing at glistening peaks and

wedding-veil waterfalls. The mountain scenery be-came more awesome still as we weaved across the border between France and Spain in the Laffines' Land Rover. From Saillagouse, a frontier town bedecked with red and gold Catalan flags, we twisted up the Vanera valley. Andre proudly declared that although his papiers were French his esprit remained defiantly Catalan. Barcelona was his capital city, he in-sisted, not Paris.

Laughing off his father's vehemence, Etienne took a more detached view. He explained: "We are a region of confused culture and nationality. It has been like this ever since the Treaty of the Pyrenees in 1659, when the Catalan Cerdagne was ceded to

France. As we approached Valce-

PYRENEES FACTFILE

■ Martin Symington travelled with Inntravel (01653 628862), flying from London ring to a train to go into the mountains. A seven-night stay at Les Ecureuils costs between £541 and £634, depending on departure date, based on two people sharing and including flights, dinner, bed and breakfast, rail and car transfers, cross-country ski

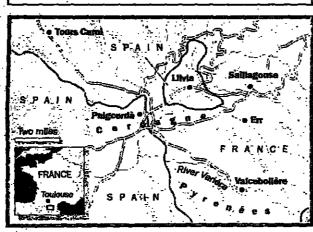
hire, a half-day lesson and a

full-day guided trek. Inntravel also organises a seven-night Great Winter Journey through the Pyrenees from January to April. including return flight from London, two nights B&B in Toulouse, rail travel and three nights half-board at Valcebollère; you then go on to Barcelona for two further nights B&B. Cost with flights: £459.

Best time to go: For cross-country skiing. January and February; to combine this with some hiking, March and April.

■ Books: The Pyrenees (Rough Guides. £8.99), is useful for this border area. Most guide books confine themselves to either France or Spain, which can be irritating in a region which

🗎 Further Information: French Government Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London WIV OAL (0891-244123 (premium rate)



bollère. Etienne pointed out the roofless shells of crumbling houses, smothered in undergrowth, tumbling down the mountainside around the surviving part of the village. In the early part of the century, Valcebollère was one of the most important villages of the Cerdagne, with a population of 500," Etienne said. Then came the First World War and the men were ordered to enlist for France. To

avoid this, virtually the whole population moved into Spain." Today, Valcebollere num-bers 35 souls in a tightly huddled clutch of light stone houses rooted with grey, fishtail slates. Les Ecureulis is a former farmhouse though. happily, in place of straw, fleas and tar, the cow-shed now houses the bar and the hay loft has been converted into bedrooms with rustic shutters and en suite bathrooms.

Next morning, we crossed the old stone footbridge over a torrent of icy blue and white, to follow a steep switchback trail up the valley. The moun-

tain was curiously barren after an unexpected thaw, its bulbous summit silhouetted against a sapphire-blue sky. Skylarks were twittering; high overhead, eagles soared on

ccording to Etienne. we were on a path trodden for centuries by contrebandiers smugglers who used to lead strings of mules laden with cognac, tobacco and clothing over the Pyrenees from France to Spain. The practice apparently continued until Spain joined the European Economic Community in 1986.

"My uncle was a muchadmired smuggler," said Etienne proudly. "During the Second World War, he used his skills to help Allied prisoners of war escape over these trails. His contraband business was based at Les Ecureuils. After he died, we took it over and turned it into an inn."

A morning's steady ascent brought us to the Lilliputian

rounded by piebald vestiges of crunchy, crystal snow. Farmers, cowherds, skiers, walkers and unrequited lovers had all left votive requests scribbled on scraps of paper at a little

shrine to the saint. Apparently, Barnabeu was an early Christian from Egypt, though I was unable to fathom what his connection was with the Pyrenees. One tale has it, however, that a poor contrebandier from these parts sought his intercession when caught crossing the frontier with a mule-load of tobacco. cargo miraculously turned into beans and the man was saved: more importantly, this also confirmed definitively that small-time smug-

gling was not sinful. Our next venture was back up to the snow line by Land Rover for our initiation into the rites of ski de fond - crosscountry skiing. For our pur-poses, it was dead simple we simply walked, first uphill and then down, on long, narrow skis wearing soft leather boots attached only at the toes.

Up at 7,000 feet the air was steely cold and sunglasses essential in the dazzling light. We glided through a landscape of spruce forest and frozen lakes, then began to climb up to the broad ridge of Les Cretes, which forms a natural border between France and Spain.

Eventually, we reached a summit known as Borne 504, where the tip of a giant cairn poked out of the snow. Here we were able to put a ski in each country and look out across an endless mountainscape of jagged peaks and white slopes, falling down to valleys dotted with tightly huddled villages.

One of these is the bizarre historical anomaly of Llivia, which Etienne pointed out to me as we descended towards the Cerdagne plateau. Llivia is a little enclave of Spain, six kilometres into France. Hard though it may be to credit, the reason is this: under the terms of the 1659 treaty, all the Cerdagne's 33 villages were ceded to France. But officially, Llivia was classified as a town, not a village, and Spanish negotiators chang to this technicality.

So, more than 300 years later, a circular national frontier surrounds the village (it certainly lacks the dimensions of a town these days), where the Spanish flag flies, pesetas are the currency and tapas are displayed on har counters. In other respects it is a rather unremarkable place. I checked

out its sturdy, fortified, 14thcentury church, and a lifeless little l6th-century pharmacy. opened as a museum.

To find out more about this curiously dislocated community. I popped into a bar in earch of a glass of wine and a little convivial chatter. But my fellow drinkers were glum. answering me in monosyl-lables. I felt distinctly unwelcome, and drank up as if downing my monthly ration in some Scandinavian liquor monopoly store.

It was a similar story in the next bar, so back to Valcebollère I fled for a sauna and last supper of traditional Catalan boules de picolat pork and veal meatballs in iomato sauce. Etienne had prepared the feast himself, and joined our table after dinner, waving a poron of sweet Banyuls wine. The porón is a traditional glass vessel with a long protuber-ance through which you have to pour the wine straight into your mouth.

Wine was spilt, laughter filled the room, stories were told, toasts were drunk, backs were clapped, promises were made to return and Pyrenean goodwill flowed in abundance. I remember an inn,



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Blockade across the Channel

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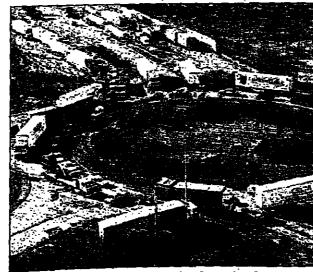
The Channel ports are among 180 locations across France that drivers plan to blockade from tomorrow afternoon in pursuit of a pay claim. A similar dispute last year lasted 12 days and caused traffic chaos across the country. The strike is virtually certain to go ahead.

However, the ferry operators and Le Shuttle were hoping that the impact on the pre-Christmas day tripper market would be minimal. P&O European Ferries said: Last year the French didn't block tourist cars, just freight. We kept ships running in the morning and evening to Calais and diverted daytime sailings, which are mostly

treight to Zeebrugge. It is

going to be harder, but we are

hoping disruption to the shop-ping market is minimal."



On strike: lorries near Caen in November last year

More than one million bargain hunters will cross the Dover Straits in the run-up to Christmas to buy alcohol, food and gifts. SeaFrance, one of five rivals on the Calais run, this week cut day trip prices to £1 per person, or £10 for a car and up to nine pas-

sengers. The offer undercuts other fares by more than half, and matches promotions usually run by ferry firms through newspapers. But rival operators and Le Shuttle, which charge between £24 and £29 per car for a day trip,

also undercutting rivals, particularly Stena Line and Le Shuttle, on duty-free prices. These latest moves come despite a record year for the industry, with more than 20 million people crossing the Dover Straits in the first eight months of 1997.

The initiative is not con-

fined to the cost of crossing the Channel, SeaFrance is

In the lean winter months up to March, when few farepaying holidaymakers travel, the industry has little option but to cut fares to the bone to fill empty ships and Channel Tunnel trains. A EIO ticket for a car and passengers does not even cover port fees, so the only way for the companies to make money is on duty-free

and tax-free shopping. Bill Laidlaw, operations di-rector of SeaFrance, said: "In the winter months, well over three-quarters of travellers are day trippers. It is all about duty-free sales. You sometimes wonder if it is worth banking the cheque for the

Kuwait: The country's wealth has helped heal the wounds of the Gulf War, says Stephen McClarence

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he early morning ferry edges into the Arabian Gulf and the sitting on deck next to us gives us a funny look. "You're tourists?" she says incredulously. "How come? There are no tourists here.'

She has a point Tourism is not big in Kuwait. The country's travel agents spend more time getting people out than getting them in. As yet, there is no Gulf War Heritage Trail though, as one guidebook points out, no one should miss the graffiti preserved under Perspex outside the US Embassy: "Thanks for Bush". It counts as a tourist site. Westerners, such as the

American academic (a law lecturer), tend to come either to stay - in well-paid, tax-free, expat jobs, all comfort zones and barbecues — or to sort out Saddam Hussein. "Yeah, Saddam." she says, as the ferry heads for an offshore island. "Watch out for landmines on the beach. There might still be a few about. They're very small and either round or square. I can't re-member which."

She gazes out to sea. It is pale grey. The sky is even paler, with no discernible horizon. She fixes a point where it might be and offers a practised assessment of Life Out Here: "You've got to rethink your life. If you think in Eastern terms — you know, God will sort it out — it's fine. If you think in Western terms, you go

Ninety minutes ahead of us. through an ever-denser mist, is Failaka Island. Its Greek temple foundations, with liz-ards scurrying around spent cartridge cases, are the oldest remains in Kuwait by about 2,000 years.

Tailaka was a leisure island, a weekend retreat, until the Iraqis turned it into a mili-tary base during the Gulf War. Now it is a ghostly place, with burnt-out cars by the roadside, luxury bungalows abandoned and left to rot, and a gutted mosque with copies of the Koran still stacked on its

apart from a soldier's roaring tumbleweeds of barbed wire to the temple, part of the 4th-century BC town of Ikaros.

It will never rival the Parthenon. A maze of low stone walls leads to a few fragments of altar and a pair of re-erected pillars. They have swirling, curling capitals like the waves just over the sand dunes. And, er, that's it, until the ferry comes back in three hours. Kuwait is no place for

visible history. The discovery



A mother and daughter buying clothes in the Old Souk

of oil in 1938 brought colossal wealth and social upheaval. A traditional way of life based on boat-building and camel-hide trading became rapidly redun-dant as the dollars piled high.

Consumerism is a second religion. The grandchildren of pearl divers tour marble shopping malls stocking up with gold necklaces and electric lemon-squeezers. Maids tour supermarkets with mobile telephones while their mistresses sit at home dictating shopping lists. Five-year-olds watch videos and page the servants to bring them Cokes.

This is the land of the long car, the sleekly shining Chevrolet and the silently speeding Mercedes. No one walks. One afternoon we strolled along the Fourth Ring Road in Kuwait City, the country's only alternative to desert. A car pulled up and the driver leaned out with obvious concern. "Is anything wrong? Can I help? Can I give you a lift?" in a plush suburb, a black Buick swung out of a driveway. The woman driver was wearing a burga — a tradi-tional black veil — and sun-glasses. She handed a mobile phone to a child in the back. pressed a button and the smoked-glass windows glided

up tight for the air-condition-

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road, dust billowing behind it;

black veil, black sunglasses,

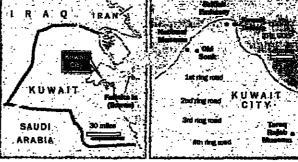
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This is the land of the long car, the sleekly shining Chevrolet and the silently speeding Mercedes. No one walks anywhere

Kuwaiti sunshine. A taxi pulled up, an Oldsmobile limo with seats like oil sheikhs' thrones. We purred from Fourth Ring Road to Express-way, past bleached out back lots, past a dazde of houses as big as banks but richer.

They come in a range of parodies — hacienda, Deep South mansion, pagoda, Par-thenon, international shoebox. Above the pillars and porticos and designer car ports are satellite dishes.

Most windows are tightly shuttered, sealed like tombs. The taxi driver put on a cassette, American Pie. The urban dreamscape glided past mails and garden centres. where fully grown palm trees





The ruins of a Greek settlement on Failaka island

Tareq Rajab Museum fills the

gap, a treasure house of Islamic art, a Great Exhibition

of the exotic. Syrian back-

scratchers jostle with bolster ends for Malaysian bridal

beds, golden coats from Bu-khara and an Omani necklace

with a red bicycle reflector as

its centrepiece. The museum's

owners came back from a

recent buying trip to London with 15,000 items — three tons

in 150 packing cases.

The taxi pulled up at the Old Souk. "Old" is a relative term in Kuwait. The original souk, dating back 70 years, was destroyed by the Iranis and rebuilt. It is forensically spick and Stan. One drip of leachers.

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blood on the meat market floor

and cleaners leap forward

drinking cardamon-flavoured coffee and smoking hookahs

a glimpse of Old Kirwait before the oil.

Aerial photographs from the

1930s show an unrecognisable

town - warrens of boxy mud

houses (only 100 have survived

the bulldozers), the occasional

mosque, dust and desert. As

Dame Violet Dickson, wife of

Harold Dickson, the British

with mops.



Kuwait Towers

(some imported from Somerset) were waiting to be gift-wrapped. No pedestrians for

miles. Virtual unreality.

We are seeing the sights. All four of them. First, Kuwait Towers - water tanks like gigantic blue golf balls im-paled on spikes — loom over the bay. The views from the revolving restaurant are of a scarred cityscape. The sun lints on the windscreens of Dinky cars far below:

On to the National Museum looted and torched by the Iragis and left as a burnt-out shell Among the twisted steel and blistered paintwork are extensive displays of pigeon droppings. The guards carry machineguns. The private

mads in Kuwait town, only the sandy ground to walk on, and the traffic in the streets was

people and pack animals." Dame Violet was here for 60 years, first as Dickson's wife, He was born in Syria. wer in the grounds of the British Embassy in Kuwait City. Dame Violet spent her days playing tennis and trapping grasshoppers to send to the natural History Museum in London. "We also have a desert beetle — Julodis speculifer dicksoni — named after us," she wrote in Forty Years in Kuwait, her eccentric memoirs written in 1971, with 20 years still to go.

fter Dickson's death. she stayed on in the old Political Agency now being refur bished as a centre for Anglo-Kuwaiti relations - and occasionally took holidays back home so as to order a year's supply of tinned grocer-ies from Harrods. Until well into her seventies she reg-ularly drove into the desert in her battered Humber, like so many others under the spell of the tribes and the sands.

"Beyond the walls of my house and yard, modern Kuwait has grown up and all is fever and bustle," she wrote. "But beyond that again is the peace of the desert, and the

desert still calls."

It still does. "What wonderful evenings we sometimes have, sighs the American academic on the ferry. We sit in the desert and watch the animals come out - wild cats. gerbils, bat-eared hedgehogs. And the Kuwaitis still like to go back to their roots in the desert at weekends. They have tents out there — with televisions and hot and cold

running water." She sips her tonic water (alcohol is illegal): The Ku-waitis have places all over the world. I know one who used to rave about a town with endless beaches and sparkling sea, where his family had a holi-day home. I don't know if you've heard of it, he asked. 'It's called Blackpool'."



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0171-590 3400) is open from There is officially no an Israeli stamp. When to visit: October to March is be

but nights are cold Dress: In Winter, take a jacket or jumper for the evenings. Women do not need to wear an abays

– a long, black cloak – but they should cover shoulders and legs. The Foreign Office advises British travell not to go near the border with Iraq, and

Visitors are also stron Reading Looking for

Dilmun, by Geoffrey Bibby (Stacey International £18.50: War in The Gulf Ghareeb and Majid York, £22.50; Middle East on a Shoestring (Lonely Planet, £13.99). Kuwait Information Centre (0171-589 2929).

Chill out in Chicago – where it's hot

Lynne Bateson enjoys a cultured, cosmopolitan city familiar from its starring role in films and TV series

could not find George Clooney at 110 Bistro on Chicago's swanky Gold Coast, but I consoled myself with the thought that he might have used my fork. After all, my waiter James, quite a dish himself, swore he was a regular.

Spotting George and others in the cast of the television hospital drama ER. filmed in this town, has become quite a sport among Chicagoans. But they are a touch blase about it and even an ER groupie like me can understand that. After all, for the locals, bumping into sets and camera crews is a daily occurrence.

A severe and prolonged case of deja vu made me feel at home throughout my stay. Everywhere I went I saw places I had seen on screen. The Great Fire of 1871, fed by wooden shacks and piercing prairie winds, did the city a favour. The architects who flocked from all over the US to rebuild it also made movie backdrops to die for.

The elevated railroad the "El", was familiar to me thanks to countless shots in ER. I had already gazed on Union Station's steps in bloodchilling moments in The Untouchables. Julia Roberts acted her heart out in the pivotal scene in My Best Friend's Wedding on the very boat on which, much to my amazement, i relished an architectural river tour. I have often appreciated twinkly skyscrapers from afar, but these beasts were beautiful close up.

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elebrities disappear into the discreet toonotch security of the Ritz-Carlton. The Rolling Stones stayed there for the Chicago debut of their latest world tour. There is even a resident royal, of sorts: Oprah Winfrey, the queen of American television, spends where her daily chat show is

filmed. Chicago is still a cultured. cosmopolitan and polite place. Its people's eyes light up and their chests puff with pride when they talk of their architecture, art and museums. But Chicagoans, especially younger ones, are now also refer-

ring to their city as "hot". If Chicago is the pulse of America's Midwest, it has started to race. Dynamic immigrants from nearby states are flocking to the area and yuppies are leaving the suburbs for the city in droves to live in lofts, hang out — and

Arthur Greenan, general manager of the Spiaggia, an elegant Italian restaurant overlooking Lake Michigan.



Spotting the cast of ER is a sport among Chicagoans



Wherever I went I heard music.

Fine music. Blues is part of everyday life'

to what happened in New York in the 1980s. The club. bar and restaurant scene is exploding, but it's also volatile. Many premises close as quickly as they open," he says. Arthur has not served George. but he said Michelle Pfeiffer has eaten at his marble establishment. Personally, I would rather have had George.

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vibrant city. It is awash with

The Museum of Contemporary Art has artsy singles bashes and every month the Hyatt Regency puts on a "Meet & Greet" evening. where for \$10, bright young things mingle and network with 25 of the city's top youngish movers and shakers while scoffing hors docuvres and listening to live jazz and

Many singles on their way up live in the affordable district of Wicker Park or the adjoining Bucktown neigh-bourhood in the city's in the northwest.

Chicago writer Nelson Algren wrote about the sordid streets of Wicker in the 1940s, but it is sordid no longer. Gentrification has created an area where ghost town meets metropolis and where students and young professionals on the first rung of the ladder rub shoulders with Puerto Ricans and an artsy crowd. Junk shops and discount furniture stores jostle juice bars and cales serving strong java. On its streets by day I saw a businesswoman in a pink power suit one minute, and a punk with pierced nose and lips the next.

t night, Wicker throbs with the sounds of jazz and techno rock. Sophisticated restaurants like Confusion and Soul Kitchen serve concoctions such as the latter's "Crispy Asian Quail Salad" "Cool Gazpacho with and Yellow Tomatoes, Basil and Mint Guacamole and Crispy Tortillas". Other eateries are more bohemian, such as the eccentrically named Ear Wax. a haunt for struggling musicians with a record shop in the

Galleries, fringe theatres, clubs and esoteric book shops stand among run-down Victorian and Italian-style mansions with stained glass some even have a ballroom in

Lincoln Park is Chicago's real yuppieville, with bars and restaurants and upmarket

Gold Coast has tree-lined streets, see-and-be-seen-in restaurants and designer shops. I prowled Oak Street, Chicago's answer to LA's Rodeo Drive. in search of George, who had been seen in the posh store called Barneys New York, but

I only found lots of pretty people. Wherever I went in Chicago I heard music - mighty fine music. Blues is part and parcel of everyday life. There is no canned music here. It is blues, blues and more blues, played in all the bars and restaurants. Its gentle sounds waft out of cabs whose drivers, unlike New York cabbies, do know

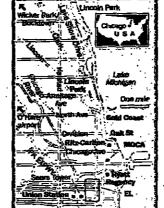
where they are going. Nor is Chicago particularly windy. Its nickname, the windy city", refers to the speeches its politicians used to

So what is wrong with this paradise? Well, winter is not a wonderland. The Chicago area offers most snow sports, from cross-country skiing to tobogganing. But it is so bitterly cold in January and February that even New Yorkers, who are used to big freezes, complain. One sociable Chicagoan told me that if he went out without a hat in the winter he could almost hear his ear lobes crack.

I left the city with only two regrets. One, that I could not stay longer to chill out with the Chicagoans. The other? That, try as I might, I never bumped into George.



Chicago has movie backdrops to die for: the elevated railroad, the "El", has been used by numerous film directors



children's shops, as belits aspiring young parents. Its centre, a stretch of Halsted Street near Armitage Avenue, was littered with run-down liquor stores and low-rent apartments as recently as the early 1980s. Now this shabbysmart area has become one of the most popular and populared places in Chicago. It is close to lake-front parks and attracts folloping dogs as big as horses, cyclists, in-line skaters

and joggers savouring lake

breezes against a magnificent

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Perfect Timing: Avoid January and February unless you love the biting cold.

■ Suitease Strategy: Take at least one smart outfit - Chicagoans err on the chic side. Bring back: Discounted designer wear. Check out Morris & Sons Co. 555 West

■ Big No-nos: Some areas surrounding the Museum of Science &: Industry. Greektown. Chinatown and Hyde Park can be dodgy. Avoid wandering just south of Lincoln Park.

Nasty Surprises: The ten-minute video of a women sucking her own toe at the Museum of Contemporary Art. 220 East Chicago Avenue (001 312 280 2660).

Not to be Missed: The Official Architecture Foundation River Cruise (001 312 922 3432) makes architecture exciting. Garlic lovers should sample the complimentary roasted cloves at Bistro 110, 110 East Pearson Street (001 312 266 3110). Those who like their drinks long should stop at the Hyatt Regen cy's Big Brasserie and Bar. At 228 feet, it is the longest free-standing bar in the States. ■ Way to Go: Lynne

Bateson flew to Chicago with BA (0345 222111). The flexible economy return fare is \$1.036 and an Apex ticket, broked 21 days in advance, is currently £418 until December 12. Prices exclude raxes. Lynne Bateson stayed at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on Michigan Avenue (0345 581606), which is currently offering a Shopper's Package in which rooms start at £112 plus 15 per cent tax per night, including breakfast and various shapping discounts.

LYNNE BATESON

Gearing up for the new season

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SKIING starts in earnest this week, with the buying season. More ski gear is sold over these ten days of the London Ski Show. which started yesterday, than at any other time of the year. Browsing and buying may be displacement activities, but it is a psychological fact that nothing improves your skiing like having something new to do it in.

Aside from novelty, there are solid reasons - safety, comfort and performance - to counter the argument that those rusty old skis and that down-filled anorak are "good

enough" for another season. A stiff upper lip is one thing however, sneering at skiets who wear synthetic fabries and know what torsional rigidity is simply means you are over 40. Why put knee ligaments at risk when there are bindings that adjust to different conditions and release in new directions? Why struggle

by models capable of curving around a coin and as comfy as bedroom slippers? There are two excuses: the new technology is bewildering and it is expensive. It now costs about £1,000 to kit out a recreational skier from

with skis and suffer in boots now superseded

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socks to sunglasses; £2,000 if everything is top of the line. Most skiers already have at least some gear. But all skis and boots break down after about three years of use. Bindings require annual inspection and can be unsale after a single season's wear if not properly looked after. The best technical skiwear, on the other hand, lasts and is guaranteed for a lifetime.

There are no easy answers to the old questions of whether it is better to buy or to hire, and whether it is better to buy abroad or in Britain. Generally, I recommend beginners hire both boots and skis, and intermediates invest in boots but hire skis. Experts will insist on

owning their own fine-tuned gear. Britain's ski shops are better than ever, and better than most shops in the Alps; but not so good as the best shops in the best resorts in Europe and North America. The market for equipment in Britain is simply too small for shops to invest in all the sizes, model ranges and computer boot-fitting devices that are available in places such as Aspen, Vail, Verbier or Vail d'Isère.

The shape of skiing today is parabolic. These skis came on the market three years ago, but they are still causing confusion - not least in terminology. Sometimes called "hourglass", "carving" or "shaped" skis, parabolics all have very narrow waists underfoot and fat tips and tails. They are now just about the only choice for recreational skiing, and have even influ-

enced the shape of racing skis. To add to the confusion, there are several types of parabolics. The two most basic are the "fun" parabolics and the "all around" versions. The former are stunt skis, as short as 150cm. Skied without poles, they replicate the snowboard experience, allowing skiers to lean so far over that their bodies brush the snow.

More useful are the parabolics designed to negotiate all types of terrain encountered on and off piste. These "all around" parabolics appear in a variety of models geared for different ability and price levels, but you always use parabolics that are ten to 20cm shorter than the conventional skis you use.

Parabolics offer dramatic advantages. Beginners learn

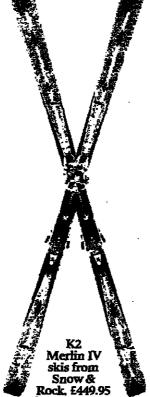
faster. Intermediates can carve on edge at high speed like real racers. Older, experienced skiers can ski harder and longer with less effort. But most skiers will need a lesson or two to learn the correct parabolic

carving technique. Having tested more than a dozen prototype models, my choice for ski of the year is K2's Merlin, appearing for the first time this season.

The Merlin comes in three models — the III, IV and V graded according to torsional rigidity and the degree of vibration suppression supplied by its on-board piezoelectronic flashing technology adopted American stealth bombers.

Torsional rigidity indicates how well a ski will hold on ice. Of the three Merlin models, the Merlin V grabs best and gives the quietest ride, but is also the least willing to give up on one turn and get up and go

Consequently, I would re-serve the Merlin V for aggressive experts and suggest the Merlin IV as the best allmountain compromise



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one are the days when Jskiing meant being wet and cold in cotton and wool, or puffed up in a quilted jacket. loday, an integrated layering system — made up of polypropylene underwear, polar leece micro-weight shirt and mid-weight sweater, topped off with a ripstop Gore-Tex shell — keeps out cold air and water better than double

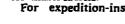
At the same time, these elements work together, keeping perspiration away from the body. And the layers together are lighter and less restrictive than wearing a business suit.

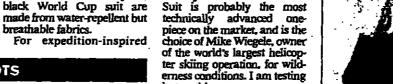
In the skiing environment, fashion is the antithesis of function. Looking good now means looking hard-core, even if the fashion for expedition clothing has been taken to extremes, with firms such as The North Face and Berghaus arguing over whether one company's "drop down" de-sign is better suited than the other's "pull away" system for using the outdoors as an alternative to French toilets.



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it, too, this season. Sweden's Mover, along with the American firms Marmot and The North Face, are also among the elite manufacturers of adventure clothing designed to be worn in the layering system. All of these also make a full range of polar fleece shirts and sweaters. Columbia is an American firm which aims for high technical specifications at affordable prices.



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free catalogue from Snow & Rock A (01932 569569) gives full technical descriptions and prices for all the hardware mentioned here, as well as for clothing by Bogner. Descente, Mover, The North Face and Columbia. Ellis Brigham (0161-834 5555) also offers a free catalogue. The two companies are on the Internet at http://www.snowandrock. com and http://www.ellis-brigham.com For catalogues and information: Berghaus (0191-415 0200), Helly Hansen (0115 950 9508), Marmot (01539 025493), Bogner (0171-434 1994), Descente (0031 756 350081), Mover (0033 494 846179), The North Face (01629 580484), Columbia (01740 68968) bia (01749 686868). K2 (0161-428 1178), Raichle (01734 471735). Lange (0181-998 4553), Technica (0181-991 9244), Salomon (01256 479555), Fritschi (01250 8/3863).

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BOOTS

S pend a morning in any top boot clinic in the Alps and its effectiveness. you will discover that more I have never found a better than half of all boots sold in performing, more comfortable high street shops are one size shell than the new Raichle F-One. For race-proved performance, both the Lange X-Zero9 and the Technica Explosion and TNS models too big, the rule of thumb being that if a boot feels roomy and comfortable upon initial

the slopes. A precise fit does not contra-dict comfort. At first I was sceptical, but now I believe Raichle's Thermotlex inner boot is the best thing in ski-boot technology since the in-vention of plastics. This is an extraordinarily light, soft and thin bootie first warmed in an oven then shaped in seconds to your unique footprint. Having skied all day in

Canada in -30C, with toes

fitting, it will prove sloppy on

that helps guide the ski into

I owe my still-intact knee ligaments to Salomon's Spherbindings, the first ski bindings to release in forwardtwisting falls, the so-called "third axis of protection". Salomon's Propulse bindings use a spring-loaded cartridge

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I got an A for effort but an E for agility

Our ski correspondent Doug Sager survives his first

day at a ski school - the Arlberg in St Anton

am as nervous as a boy on his first day at school Self-taught, and with "survival before style" my motto, it is my first day at a ski school. Not only have I been bundled off to the Eton of such establishments - the Arlberg in St Anton - but I have been promoted without xamination into the top class. It is all the fault of Heinrich Wagner, director of the St Anton tourist office. Years ago, researching an article on ecology in the Alps, I asked earnest Herr Wagner to define the single most worrying environmental concern facing St Anton. "Swedish vomit," he said and I wrote it down.

He was no doubt thinking of a petition St Anton residents had just presented him, hausfraus having lost patience with the hordes of teenage Scandi-navians who flood each season into a resort where beer is ridiculously cheap compared to back home.

At the time I greatly admired Herr Wagner's sense of humour. He smilingly shrugged off the storm of criticism directed at him when my article was picked up by Sweden's leading newspaper. Now, interposed by the tourist office into this off-piste elite class of early twenty-somethings, all red-hot experts, I sense that Herr Wagner is going to have the last laugh.

Robert Birkl is gruppenführer of the A-class at the Arlberg School He leads us through dense fog far off piste and down deep, untracked powder. On piste, every traverse to the next lift is a flatout race. Next come lessons in leaping from edge to edge while in a racing tuck. Where I finally fall down is skiing over riers. School report: full marks for effort, but bottom of the class in agility.

Wherever I went in Austria ast winter, I was impressed by two things: the superior accommodation and the loy-aity of British skiers. Even in tiny villages such as Niederau, hotels have swimming pools, while big resorts elsewhere in NG THE WORLD the Alps often do not. Family pensions - such as the Waldheim in Mayrhofen — have bigger and better rooms than four-star hotels in France. The British who go to Austria are a lost cause no matter how pressing my interview technique and praise for Canada or France, "We've been there, we like Austria" was the inevitable response.

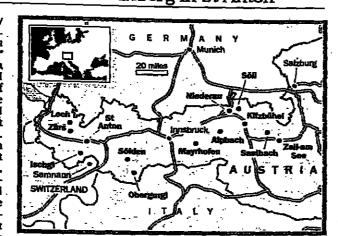
EST RADIO!

Are there any reasons for not skiing in Austria, aside from the accordion music and pathological obsession with a peasant past? I put this quesion to an Austrian tourist director, assuring him of abso-late anonymity. "Eighty-one million of them," he said, "all coming across our northern

PRIMARY SKIING

IT IS frequently claimed that more Britons have learnt to ski in Austria than anywhere else.

The Best



Children under seven often ski free and there are good discounts for teenagers. In Mayrhofen, the world's first kindergarten was opened 1954 by Riki Spiess-Mahringer, now in her seventies but still out every day with children on the Ahorn. I have never seen a wilder après-ski scene than at Mayrhofen's Ice Bar, where a DJ dressed as a polar bear abseils from the roof. The nearby Hintertux glacier has guaranteed yearround skiing, important for snowsure holidays in the low-

lying Tyrol. Not far away, on the edge of



Picturesque Saalbach

the Kitzbühler Alps, lies the lovely, unspoilt Wildschönau Valley, where Niederau is a firm favourite with beginners on a budget. A new skipass this season. Austria's answer to France's Trois Vallees, is the Kitzbühler Alpen regional consortium of 260 lifts and 680km of pistes. This pass covers all the Wildschönau resorts, the entire Söll Ski World, Kitzbühel and Alpbach - a paradise of well-groomed. easy slopes, some so flat that even timid neophytes will feel

like Franz Klammer. Soil has an undeserved reputation for low-life skiing. While it is true that the skiing is not at high altitude, and Sõll's Whisky Mühle bar does a good chorus line in scantily clad girls (and boys), I found the town charming and the lift queues more civilised than in Switzerland Women ski free on Wednesdays in Söll, and all nine resorts on the Söll Ski World pass are well suited to

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

FOR A range of intermediate terrain, Ischgl is the answer. Skiing across the Swiss border into duty-free Samnaun is typical of the long, yet technically unchallenging itineraries ischigl abounds in. Lively, not without Tyrolean character and with a decent snow record, Ischgl is rated by Austrians among the top three of their country's resorts. Kitzbuhel is a good choice for middle-ground skiers, especially those who want a small city and a mix of clientele other than Teutonic. Despite the feared Streif downhill run, Kitzbühel's skiing is far from difficult. I think the medieval town is the most attractive in

Solden is nothing to look at, but the skiing in the Otztal region serves intermediates well, not least in poor snow seasons when the nearby Rettenbach and Tiefenbach laciers guarantee access to high-altitude terrain. Aprèsski beer fests are popular and prices modest.

Intermediates looking for more challenge, who do not mind paying a bit more and waiting in lift queues, will find good scope in Saalbach-Hinterglemm. A pisted circuit of 200km demands only solid intermediate skills, although the demented Sound of Music ambience of Saalbach may require more endurance. Lake views and an attractive medieval town of some size make Zell am See a choice for intermediates who want prox-

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imity to glacier skiing and who are willing to attack some of the easiest black (expert) slopes in the Alps. The Europa skipass region between Zell and Kaprun is neither large nor high in altitude, but it offers some scenic tree runs

down to the lake. Crystal (0181-399 5144) has the widest choice of Austrian resorts (31) for all abilities and this season offers free chauffeured vans from home to airport for groups. First Choice (0990 557755) counts Kitzbühel and Saalbach among its 12 Austrian resorts.

POSTGRADUATE SKIING

ST ANTON is Austria's only world-class resort, the only one with hardcore skiing to rival Chamonix, Val d'Isère or Verbier. Although its skiing falls 500 or more metres below the heights of those resorts, in terms of the quality of snow, ruggedness of terrain and pure skiing pleasure, St Anton marches them all. To ski off the top of the Valluga, access to which is permitted only to skiers accompanied by a mountain guide, is to make one of the greatest runs in the world - down to Zürs - even if it is life-threatening for only a few metres.

There is a seriousness about skiing among the people of St Anton that you will not find in chic, sissy Courchevel or even among the hard mountain men of Chamonix, who are more climbers and daredevils than ski technicians. For the World Skiing Championships in 2001, for example, St Anton is not messing about. The train station will be moved to make more room for skiing.

Lech, on the same Arlberg ski pass as St Anton, is the only resort in the Alps to close itself off altogether, barring the road, once the pistes are estimated to be full (they take a maximum of 14,000 skiers). Lech enjoys twice the snow of St Anton, and its satellite Zürs gets even more. Yet these resorts are dedicated to cosseting their clients, not shoving them out in the snow where

the skiing is nothing special. Lech's hotels are, though, Mention "chalets" and Lech's tourist director shudders. Downmarket," he mutters. Lech's clients are old money, fairly aged and pampered by underground luggage delivery and moving sidewalks on the chairlifts, so they don't even have to shuffle their feet. Ski Equipe (0161-440) 0010) and Flexiski (0171-352 0041) have some luxury chalets in St Anton, essentially a hotel resort. Made to Measure (01243 533333) and Momentum Travel (0171-371 9111) are pecialists for best hotels in Lech and St Anton. A

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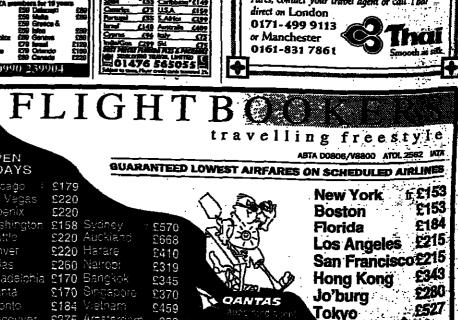
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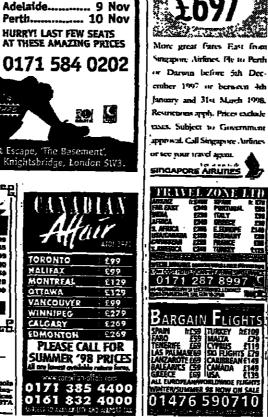
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esidents of Hartfield in East Susses are locked in a bitter dispute about the future of their biggest tourist attraction: Winnie-the-Pooh. A.A. Milne was brought up in the area and based many of the best-known scenes in his Pooh books on childhood memories of the woods

surrounding the village.

The problem is that hundreds of thousands of tourists now visit each year, and many residents want their peace and quiet back. Others, however, are happy to cash in on the influx of visitors.

The main attractions are Poohsticks Bridge, about a mile from Hartfield, where Pooh and Christopher Robin dropped sticks in the stream and rushed to the other side of the bridge to see which stick came under first: Roo's Sandypit, in nearby Ashdown Forest, where the characters Kanga and Roo lived, and Hundred Acre Wood, where Owl lived. There is also a plague in Ashdown Forest, unveiled by Christopher Robin Milne, A.A. Milne's

son, which marks "Enchanted Place". Mike Ridley, who owns Pooh Corner, a souvenir shop specialising in Pooh and Roo cuddly toys ("Poohphernalia"), wants to develop tourism in Hartfield. He says the village should have an information centre, car park and more lavatories. "We're struggling to cope," he says, adding: "Some locals think the tourists are just going to go

away if we ignore them, but they won't Bryan McClusky, the landlord of the Gallipot Inn. says: "We get droves of tourists dropping in. It's fantastic and it's about time we had a tourist centre."

However, there is a group opposed to tourism. The Conservators of Ashdown Forest estimate that there were a record million visitors to the forest last year and say the situation is getting out of hand. Most tourists are from Japan, where Winnie the Pooh books are taught in schools. A spokeswoman says: Tourists are causing erosion to paths and have picked almost all the branches from trees at the bridge in order to play Poohsticks."

If tourism is to be developed, it will have to come with the blessing of the parish council, something that looks unlikely at the moment. The council voted against building a tourist centre and car park earlier this year. "We are having terrible problems with parking in Hartfield," Jill Reeves, the clerk, says, "but if we build a car park, we feel it will attract even more tourists. Sometimes people wish A.A. Milne hadn't been born here, although most of us are very proud of him."

TOM CHESSHYRE Winnie-the-Pooh on the Internet: http://www3.mistral.co.uk/pôoho



Pooh and Christopher Robin played their game at Poohsticks Bridge, near Hartfield. Now thousands of visitors want to join the fun

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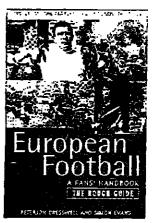
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Joanna Hunter tracks down the best travel bargains this week, whether it's a Mozart-fest in Bath, a return flight to Mexico City or a weekend in Istanbul



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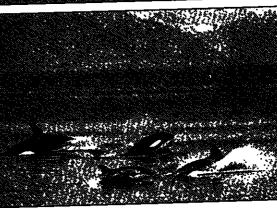
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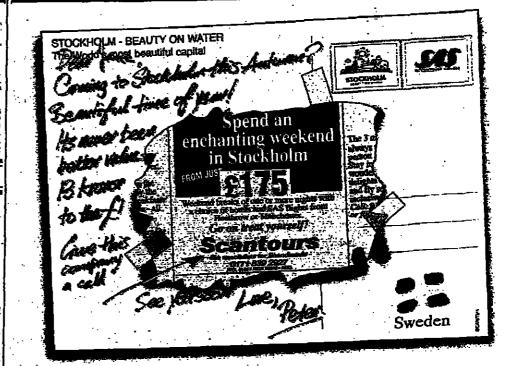
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JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS Winter walks in history

THE National Trust has just published a list of nearly 200 of its historic houses and gardens which will stay open for all or part of this winter (with entrance fees averaging £4). Among them are Wallington in Northumberland, featured recently on television in Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph, its walled gardens specially planned for winter, Fountains Abbey in North Yorkshire, particularly atmospheric when snow lies on the ruins; and Wicken Fen in Cambridgeshire, an important wetland reserve covering 730 acres of reed and sedge fens. Many other properties reopen in February and March for the spring flowers.

The full list is available from the National Trust, PO Box 39, Bromley, Kent BRI 3XL enclose a 20p stamped addressed envelope).

Libyan adventure on Africa trek

ADVENTURE specialist Encounter Overland (0171-370 6845) is looking for 18 seasoned trailblazers for its multinational pioneering trip across the North African

desert from Cairo to Tunis.

Three weeks of the 42-day expedition, starting on March 2, are to be spent in Libya visiting remote southern oases, as well as the Roman site of Leptis Magna. Although the itinerary is intended to be flexible and exploratory, the proposed oute aims to take in Alexandria and El Alamein before crossing into Tobruk in Libya. From here visits will include Benghazi and Al-Kulrah oasis, with 350 miles of desert track to negotiate before you reach the Fezzan region and Akakus mountains in the southwest, bordering Algeria. In Tunisia, places where The English Patient was filmed are on the expedition map, as well as the coastal resorts of Sousse and Tunis.

The cost is £1.225 for transport by 4WD truck, camping en route and food; flights cost from £350.

Luxury on skis

ELEGANT RESORTS (01244 897777), based in Chester, which describes itself as



Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao

a purveyor of luxury packages, has entered the ski market in response to customer demand. The resorts and hotels are out of the top drawer: Suvretta House in St Moritz, the Palace Hotel and Grand Hotel Park in Gstaad, Le Byblos des Neiges in Courchevel, as well as Hotel Arlberg in Austria's Lech, and the Arlberg-Hospiz in St Christoph. A week's half-board at the Arlberg-Hospiz costs £1,320 and at Suvretta House £1,495; prices include scheduled flights and private car transfers.

By contrast, student and independent specialist STA Travel (0171-361 6166) offers special low-price departures and ski hire to resorts in Andorra, France, Italy, Bulgaria and Canada: six holidaymakers sharing a self-catering studio for a week in January in Andorra, for example, pay £144 each including flights.

Away from it all

THE Zagori, in the remote northwestern corner of Greece, is about as far away as you can get from the tourist fleshpots of the coast. A national park and habitat for bears, wolves, jackals and the rare pine marten, the Zagori's rugged landscape is dramatically split by the 16-mile Vikos Gorge, whose precipitous sides are nearly 3,000ft high in places.
Simply Ionian (0181-995 9323) is intro-

ducing fly-drive holidays to the area next year, with accommodation in traditional family-run hotels and pensions found in the ancient stone-built villages. Prices are from £470 a week, or from £694 for two weeks, including flights, car hire and B&B accommodation.

You can also combine a week in the Zagori with a week on the island of Lefkas, staying in village houses, at E742

A WEEKEND break to Bilbao in northern Spain, home of the new Guggenheim Museum, left, is offered by Kirker Holidays (0171-231 3333). costing £312 for two nights, £347 for three nights' B&B, including flights, transfers and entrance tickets. The museum has already been hailed as an architectural wonder. The current exhibition is of modern art, on loan

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Dramatic silhouette against the sky: Fountains Abbey, in North Yorkshire, which the National Trust will keep open during the winter

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Christmas Breaks Shopping Brochure listing 22 cities. These range from Chicago, Boston and Toronto to more traditional seasonal cities such as Vienna, Salzburg and Prague.

Hand-carved candles, chocolates and loden coats and capes are best buys in the narrow, cobbled streets and Christmas markets of Salzburg's Old Town where a two-night break costs from £330 for flights and B&B.

Outrageous kitsch from Faneuil Hall market, designer labels from Newbury Street and Copley Square and factory outlets galore are the main highlights in Boston where Cresta can offer two or

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Working days

PAYING volunteers are needed over Christmas to work alongside experts for Earthwatch (01865 311600). Observing human-dolphin interaction in New Zealand's Kaikoura Peninsula to determine how tourism affects dolphin communities is the aim of the 13-day project starting on December 21 and costing £990.

Helpers are also needed at Deya, northern Majorca, to dig for coins and jewellery at the site of a religious sanctuary used between 2500 BC and AD 300. The dates are December 16-30 and the cost is £990, excluding flights.

Let's stay home

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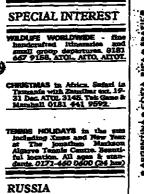
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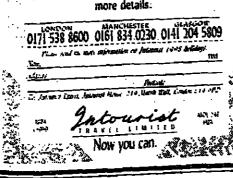


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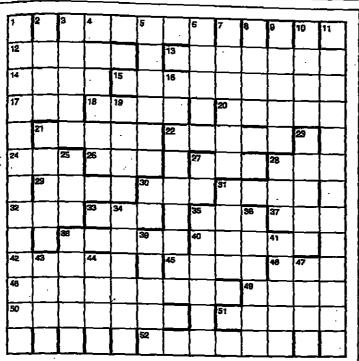


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3 Lightly touching saint's book first (6)
12 Digging up road behind house reveals ancient treasure (5)
13 Crocodile sighs with no hint of shamming by a valley lake (7)
14 In Peru, tin found in flint circles (4)
15 Daisy's cousin Cynthia is half German, yest (9)
17 Excellent pork escalope starters with a vegetable (3)
18 Expensive trade off (4)
20 Somerset town twinned with an Israeli settlement (5)
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21 Hypocritical pair has sacrificed integrity and candour primarily (9)
22 A period (year) of public disgrace (5)
24 Smithy cleared of edge of encroaching grass (3)
26 Secure woman in stable? (3)

27 Mill majestically turning out 50% reject goods (6) 28 Crazy tare tangle (3)

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29 Local trains carry ten assorted light cases (8)
30 Falling trends in volume of trade leads to directors of wine negociants subsisting on pennies (10)
31 Generally commanded troops in prison hell (8)
32 Scottish hack to work in this year to begin with (3)
33 Always cram in dear wages envelope (9)
35 Runner's second, New Zealander not limishing (3)
37 Wildcat guarding a handbook (6)
38 Last of all he pets wet in river (5)

38 Last of all he gets wet in river (5)
40 Paths lead to beaches on European borders (5)
42 The French mourn a month wasted in cell group (5)
45 Strong ale's initially exquisite sniff (4)

46 For example, Gilbert is mine (3)
48 Elected superintendent accepting bribe initially could be sitting duck (9) [4]
49 Garment is thrown round display (4)
50 Old left excluded from regionally organized factory (7) 51 Enclose in steep hill never-ending rich sources (5) 52 Stop Germany, provided French occupying east (6)

I Fruit in fool, half cherry and lime, in large vessel not steamer (13)
2 Obsolete enemy lighter plane OK, not following (4)

13 Reluctant to include Ecstasy and amphetamine initially or pot (5) [2]
4 I deliver rest of coloured light controller (6) [4]
5 A mass assault on foot could make one ~ (6)

6 Taking the money (5) [3] 7 Urchin born in a W. African republic (6) 8 49 to one "Solo Song" (4) 9 Attractive woman's hot fling (5)

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10 Snake found in India, wriggling, active not dead (4)
11 Connoisseur of heavenly bodies 1'll spot on page
three initially Amazing! (13)
16 Chage of boat leads to slip and nasty mishap pitched
in river (13)
19 Goddess's important dates (4)
21 Pooh hasn't finished getting larger, not half! That
sort of bear (5)
23 Dough's made from French extracted juices (5) [3]
25 Cram sorse with gallons (3)

25 Crain gorge with gallons (3)
27 Bags! Frightfully posh and personal (8)
28 Plant to escape through hole in hedge — no sun (3)
30 Irritable American was a candidate up state (5)
31 Pains of long standing go especially before start of

surgery (4)
34 Official at dry club to ask for money (6)
35 Outline volumes of sack depleted to eat into reserves 36 Choosing music for Thursday in chapel (10) 38 Gloomily threatening, cloudy centrally, becoming

38 Ghornity infeatening, cloudy centrally, becomin bright (5) 39 Caught Judge Kirkpatrick with daughter (5) 41 Intended, once united, introduces father (5) 43 Old gossip spread; sex appeal's coming back (4) 44 Control take around boarder of lupins (4) 47 Please win (4)

Solution and notes for No 3431 Three Writers by Mr Lemon

Letters omitted from the Across clues spelt THEY COME AS A BOON, and from the Down clues AND A BLESSING TO MEN. In addition. 5 clues each dropped the letters PEN. They were 1 across (PEN) PUSHERS, 21 across LIPIPENIS, 24 across CAR(PEN)TER, 8 down PAR(PEN)D and 29 down DAM(PENIS.

The full quotation in 4th Edition OED, being an

They come as a boon and a blessing to men, The Pickwick, the Owl and the Waverley pen PICKWICK and WAVERLEY were unclued. Solvers should have highlighted the third 'Writer' OWL in the

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SA H--DK CAKJ109876543

Contract: 7 NT doubled, by South Lead: the king of spades

7H. Pass

There were some dubious bids. and an extremely enterprising one, in this auction. First, it is wrong to open with a pre-empt on a nine high suit in a Goulash — East

should have passed. Second, what do you think of South's pass over Three Dia-monds? It was the sort of manoeuvre favoured by the late Irving

Rose, but people eventually realised that when he passed at his first num and subsequently bid Six Clubs he had a probable 12 tricks in his hand. I would have bid Five Clubs, with the idea of being pushed to Six Clubs. However, South was Howard Cohen, keeper of the Rose sacred flame, so

naturally he followed his mentor. West's Six Spades was unsound - it was highly likely he would be off two aces - but it hustled North into an indiscretion. Seven Hearts is doubtful - even if Six Spades was making, it looked from North's hand that he would lose three tricks in the red suits.

East's double of Seven Hearts set the scene for our hero's finest hour. The tremendous upside of bidding 7NT was that it might make, whereas Seven Hearts was bound to be going off. Of course it would have been unfortunate if West had a diamond and East a reasonable suit headed by the ace, but as West was marked with IZ spades there was a good chance he had no diamonds. Anyway, Rose would

have bid 7NT.

Now round to West for the opening lead. When he led the king of spades declarer had to tricks - a spade, 11 clubs and four diamonds. The lead was poorly judged. West could tell South must have the ace of spades, and in addition a long club suit, so there was a great risk in letting him in to run his clubs. East's double of Seven Hearts was likely to show the ace - if he had Qxx, that would give North a suit headed by the AJ. on which he would be less likely to bid over Six Spades. So I think a heart stands

Despite making 7NT doubled on this hand, Cohen still lost the rubber - a typical Rose outcome.

WORD ANSWERS

PICARDY THIRD

(b) A rare gas discovered at University College London in 1898. PHARPHAR

(a) "Are not Abanar and Pharphar, rivers of Damascus, better than all

GUNFIRE

(c) Gunfire is old Army slang for tea.

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lar hero of his was Jose Capablanca, the Cuban world

champion, and he also admired he hypermodern ideas of Richard Reti. As one might expect, the highlight of Golombek's book on Reti is the clash between Reti and Capablanca himself. When he sat down to play this game Capablanca had gone undefeated for many years, and the way in which Reti defeated the virtually invincible world champion, with his delayed occupation of the centre and long-range bishop mobilisation, created a sensation at the

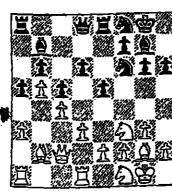
time. Here is that famous game. White: Richard Reti: Black: José Canablanca

New York 1924 Reti Opening NI3 Nf6 2 c4 g6 4 Bb2 0-0 Bg7 b6

A good system of defence which has the two-fold purpose of limiting the action of White's queenside pawns and bringing the queen's bishop into play.

6 Bg2 Bb7 7 0-0 d6 8 d3 Nbd7 9 Nbd2 e5 10 Qc2 Re8 11 Rfd1 deep move directed against Black's projected . . . e4. 11 ... a5 12 a3

A waiting move of dubious validity since not only does it waste time, it also weakens the kingside. c5 14 b5



15 e3 White decides to break open the centre by e3 and d4, even though this may involve exposing his c-

15 ... Gc7 16 d4 Be4 17 Gc3 exd4 18 exd4 N6d7 Here Golombek suggests as correct 18... Ne6 19 Qcl Rac3 20 Ne3 Qb7 21 d5 with the better game. However, Nunn continues 21 . . . Bxf3 22 Bxf3 Nd4 23 Bxd4 cxd4 which he

assesses as equal. 19 Qd2 cxd4 20 Bxd4 Qxc4 21 Bxg7 Kxg7 22 Qb2+ An important intermediary check

Black's many weaknesses. 22 ... Kg8 23 Rbd6 Qc5 24 Rad1 Ra7 25 Ne3 Qh5 A powerful-looking move that, by

attacking the knight on f3, hopes to induce White to weaken his kingside by g4.

This move is positionally fine and brilliantly combative. White could win the queen with 26 Rld5 Bxd5 27 94 Bxf3 28 gxh5 Bxh5 but the win (if, indeed, there is a win) would take a great deal of time.

Black resigns

The game has reached a critical phase in which both sides have to

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

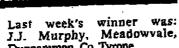
White to play. This position is from the game Aksiuczyc - Vark, Tallinn

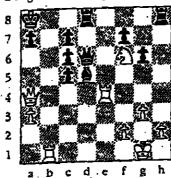
Black's three pawns along the c-file create a barrier which prevent him from feeding pieces over to the defence of his king. How did White now exploit this?

Thursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society. Saturday.

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The answer will be published next Solution to last week's competition: 1 N17+





by Raymond Keene

THE contribution to chess litera make a definite choice as to their ture by grandmaster Harry plan of campaign. Broadly speak-Golombek, for four decades chess ing, the choice resolves itself into correspondent of The Times, can one between defence and aggresrticu- sion, and Capablanca nov to prefer the former.

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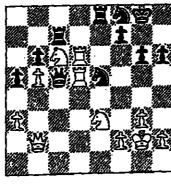
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pawn to attack.

that throws a bright light on

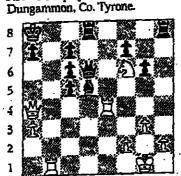
26 Nd4

Bxg2 27 Kxg2 Qe5 Qc5 29 Nc6 Rc7 Ne5 31 R1d5



Black resigned, since the only way to save his queen is 31 ... Nc4, but this loses a rook after 32 Rxe5 Nxb2

33 Rc2 Na4 34 Nd5.



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While many critics usually deem

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There have also been a number

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Game-play can entice physiother-

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central squares.

The winner is Svivie Vanston, of La Celle St. Cloud, France. The runners up are R.A. Mostyn of Wethersfield, Essex: Robert Bridge of London; Stewart Fowlie of Edinburgh; S.J. O'Boyce of Horsham. West Sussex: P.S. Clough of Ashton-under-Lyme, Lancashire.

(b) In Music, a raised or major tonic triad as the final chord in a work otherwise in the minor mode. First known use recorded circa 1500.

the waters of Israel?" (2 Kings iv. 12).

Answers from page 36

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

by Tim Wapshott



The good news is that computer games can be good for you

release stress and aggression in a with your views to Computer

non-destructive way". He lists other positive sideeffects, ranging from improved hand-eye co-ordination, attention span and motivation as well as a sense of mastery, control and accomplishment". But what do you think? Do games make you feel more aggressive? Please write in

Games and Pastimes, The Times Weekend, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN, or send an e-mail addressed to the column at cyber@dircon.co.uk.

Now, a look at more of your entries for Cyberspace Thirty-Six, asking you to describe your favourite picture or photograph in 100

words, for a chance to win one of three Kodak DC25 digital cameras. Nicholas Jones, "aged eight and "It is on a Parc Astérix water chute ride and we had just tipped over the edge of the steep part and were plunging at the speed of light," wrote Nicholas from Southgate. north London. "My dad had a worried expression and was gripping the side of the boat. I was in the front, the only one with my eyes open and leaning backwards."

Heath, West Sussex, recounted a remarkable tale behind his favourite photograph, which came to light only when he found an undeveloped 35mm black and white film cassette in his bureau. "One of the prints was of a new-born child, who recognised as our grandson, held by an unknown, but delightful, female," he said. "My wife looked at it and told me it was our son, being held by her!" The film had been taken 26 years earlier, but

Mr L Hudson from Haywards

"processed perfectly". Six photographs, "in the style of David Hockney", make up the favourite picture of John Vincent from Langtree in Devon. It was taken in 1993, in Mutianyu, stand-

ing on a Ming Dynasty section of the Great Wall of China. He wrote: "Snaking its way along sharp one month", especially likes a ridges to high peaks and dropping photograph taken by a computer: precipitous slopes, the wall is blanketed in a fine morning haze and the last of the winter snow."

David Lister of Bath opted for an equally magnificent natural sight: 'Newly arrived storm clouds erupt across the late autumn sky," he explained. Turgid blacks and grevs are washed with shafts of silver across half-seen peaks. The few remaining birds swoop and wheel excitedly across sombre cliffs of granite."

More entries to come, plus, of course, news of our winners.

TWO BRAINS ANSWERS

Solutions to the questions on page 36

Question 1: ALPHA = 27 and OMEGA = 19 (G=0, E=1, L=2, O=3| T=4, P=5, A=6, I=7, H=8,

Question 2: Dolphin. Sturgeon. trout, perch and wrass are all fish.

they allow highly strung players to **NEW SOFTWARE**

FOR years, Microsoft's sober flight sims have epitomised the twilight world of the middle-aged anorak, heading home from the office to tackle virtual flights between Heathrow and Paris, Rome and the like. Concentration and skillful handling were needed for hours on end as the pretend pilots wrestled to keep their jumbos in the air and

their passengers alive. The latest incarnation is Flight Simulator 98. The choice of aircraft includes the Cessna 182 Skylane, Boeing 737, Schweizer sailplane, Sopwith Camel and one helicopter, a Bell 206B JetRanger III. In the cockpit the array of controls can be toggled off to leave you with a bird's-eye view from the nose of the plane. Check-lists take you through different procedures, such as takeoff and cruising. You can see how your plane looks as you fly, or opt for direct overhead land-views.

There are 3,000 airports to fly from, including London City Airport and Hong Kong. in 45 metropolitan areas the ground scenery is more detailed. Even so, flying above east London in overhead view mode is a bit like watching the credits for East-Enders. By contrast, the sound effects are crisp and atmospheric, from the radio messages and instructions to the constant rumble of the engines, which can become as exhausting as the real thing. Verdict: 8 out of 10. Microsoft's

"SWINGING SAFARI is very good and I like the drunk little man who talks in it," concluded my seven-year-old tester, referring to the title's narrator. Dudley Moore. This is a lively explore and print

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Flight Simulator gets a solid

makeover. £49.99.



CD-Rom for Windows and Mac from National Geographic, released here by Mindscape. Cub reporters learn about wildlife and the animals come alive either through short video sequences or photos and brief descriptions. The video snippets are from National Geographic Television's Really Wild Animals series.

Gathered information, including all the photographs, can be printed out as postcards, letters and greetings cards, comic strips or complete newspapers. Those who complete a safari can also print out a satisfying certificate. Menus are uncluttered and navigation is a doddle. Swinging Safari connects to a Web site for additional activities. Verdict: 7 out of 10. Eugrossing

METRO POP QUIZ

adventure. £29.99.

The Pop Quiz in this week's Metro was duplicated from October 25. Entries will be received until printed on November 15.

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The winner of an Alfred Dunhill AD2000, worth £105, is J.L. Dixon, of Chippenham in Wiltshire

DON'T YOU

WORRY, SWEETPEA

I'LLBEBACK SOON!

FIVE ... FOUR

THREE ... TWO.

ONE!

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MODERN MANNERS

by John Morgan

Send your queries to Morgan's Modern Manners. The Times. Weekend. I Pennington Street, London El 9XN

What is appropriate when someone mispronounces a word? It seems insensitive — even bossy - to correct them, though Sometimes they might be glad to be put right. Suppose it becomes necessary for you to repeat the word; do you repeat the mistake Or pronounce it correctly? Antony Fleicher, Horsham,

A You need a touch of Fred and Ginger here. It would obviously be very rude to correct somebody publicly, but it would be equally silly to reproduce their mis-pronounciation. It is much better to allow the mistake to pass apparently unnoticed, but should you need to repeat the word, intone it correctly but quite unsensationally. It is then up to the other person to decide whether or not he wants to adopt the accepted form. In my experience, people invariably do.

At office leaving parties the At office leaving parties and departing person is often presented with a wrapped gift. Some

people unwrap them straight away, others acknowledge them and put them to one side. What would you

— Frank Johnson. Canterbury, Kent.

A Office ife is curiously tribal, and the leaving party is a rite of passage that commemorates a person's expatriation from that tribe. Therefore,

key aspects should be communal experiences. This includes the unwrapping of the present, which needs to be done with considerable theatre on the part of the recipient. while being accompanied by appreciative "oohs" and "aahs" from colleagues. In this way everyone feels that a chapter has been appropriately brought to a close.

We have about a dozen foreign friends who have been kind to us on holiday. Our problem is that they all turn up in London in June, our busiest month. Every single evening and lunch time is fully booked before their arrival. One year we invited several couples at once for dinner at bome, and it wasn't a success. They want to meet interesting English people (preferably fam-ous) not other foreigners. Each year it gets worse. What can we

— NDC, London Wii

How wonderful to be so popular. In such cases the answer is to follow the example of an international art dealer friend of mine, and instigate a big annual party to which you invite all your visitors and your British friends. If done well, this sort of party will soon become a fixture on the social calendar. Start making the arrangements soon: you would be surprised how many people

plan their travel arrangements around such parties.

Is it bad form for a single man to ask to bring a friend to a wedding? I have been invited to a wedding next month and when I rang up to ask if I could bring someone, I got a very frosty response from the mother of the

Name and address withheld.

Yes it is. Wedding givers who A res it is, wearing by intend you to bring guests specify their wishes by writing: "Mr Simply Single and Guest" on the invitation. In these cases it is polite for Mr Single to specify his guest's name in his reply. If Mr Simply Single's name appears in splendid isolation, it is not only bad manners to turn up with a chum, but rather silly, too. In my experience, many new romances have begun at other people's weddings.

When writing to my wid-owed mother-in-law i address the envelope Mrs Jones. As her wid-

owed daughter-in-law how should I be addressed? I maintain am still Mrs David Jones. I would not be Mrs Mary Jones un-less I had been divorced. Mary Jones, Rockbourne. Fording-

bridge, Hants. A You are absolute-ly correct. Although some women do choose to use their

first names after being widowed, on the pretext that death has dissolved the union, the correct form is to continue being! Mrs David Jones, as this confirms your status as a widow, rather than implying that you are divorced.

When one passes during a meal, is it more appropriate to place one's knife and fork at an When one pauses during a angle on the plate, or with the handles resting on the table? - Alexandria McKendrick, Kirkburton, W Yorks.

place your knife and fork The correct procedure is to across each other like swords, with the fork resting over the knife. This is tidier than your second option and indicates that you have not finished eating.

Following up on one of your answers of October 4, suppose John Smith is a knight? Then, presumably, "Sir John Smith" is correct on the envelope. I have never liked the "Sir J Smith" one sometimes sees. To open the letter, if he is a friend it is simply "Dear John". But what is correct if you and he do not know one another?

PE Philpott, Dover, Kent. A Quite John". Quite simply: "Dear Sir

John Morgan is associate editor of



WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PICARDY THIRD a. A scraped 2(2) degree b. The closing chord

c. A form of torture KRYPTON

a: Man-made fibre h. A rare gas c. An Orthodox church ornament

PHARPHAR a. A Syrian river

b. An ancient lighthouse c. Thrice winner of Melbourne Cup

GUNFIRE a. A red flowering shrub b. A Haydn symphony

c. Early morning tea

potential

Question 1: Ten letters have been randomly allocated different values from 0 to 9. The sum of the letter values in GAMMA is 30. in ETA is 11, THETA 23, IOTA 20, Pl 12 and PHI 20. What are the values of ALPHA and OMEGA?

Question 2: Which of the following is the odd one out? Nolhidp, Goneruts, Ourtt, Krash, Herpc, Swars.

Answers on page 35 | Answers on page 35.

TWO BRAINS

THE IQ test was originated by Alfred Binet (1857-1911) as an objective measure of comprehension, reasoning and judgment. Binet was motivated by a powerful enthusiasm for the emerging discipline of psychology and a desire to overcome the cultural and class prejudice of late 19th-century France in the assessment of children's academic

CROSS WORDS

by Brian Greer

BUT DO BE CAREFUL ROCKETS CAN BE

SO DANGEROUS!

Tor the past two Sunday mornings in Seattle I've tuned in to KPLU, the local public radio station, to hear Will Shortz. my opposite number on The New York Times, present his weekly programme. He chal-lenges listeners with a variety of word puzzles, for example, can you think of an author, the six letters of whose name, repeated as often as necessary, can be arranged to form a well-known quotation of six words?

Fascinated by puzzles from early childhood, Will took advantage of Indiana University's Independent Learning Program to design his own course, and completed the world's only college degree in enigmatology, in-

cluding a thesis on the history of American word puzzles. He directs the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, which attended last year. He also helps to organise the World Puzzle Championships, having recently returned fron Croatia, where as non-playing captain he guided the American team into second place. The absence of British representation in this event is regrettable - with modest sponsorship, it would not be difficult to put together a team

that could hold its own. Will's collection of books and other artifacts constitutes a museum of games and puzzles. including an original copy of the December 1913 edition of The

New York World that featured the very first crossword, constructed by Arthur Wynne, an emigrant from Liverpool. Since then, crosswords have evolved into very different species on the two sides of the Atlantic. The clues in the New York Times puzzles, like those of most American crosswords, are mainly straight definitions. However, the cryptic puzzles familiar to British solvers are having an impact in the States, and there are many first-rate American exponents of the art - I like, in particular. Harper's and The

Atlantic Monthly. Next week I will begin tutorials on the principles of clue construction.

PICTURE LINE



READERS are invited to suggest what Luciano Pavarotti or Sir Paul McCartney, pictured right, might

This picture, published recently. will appear again next week with an entry chosen from those submitted.

on a postcard with your name and address to PictureLine, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street. E1 9XN.

Send "speech bubble" suggestions

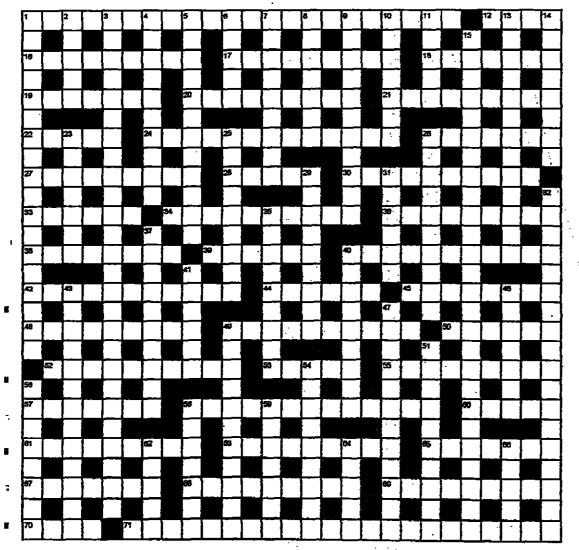
The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday,

Last week's winning caption, left, was submitted by Michael Birt, of Broadway in Worcestershire.



JUMBO CROSSWORD 134

The prize for the first correct solution to be opened will be an Alfred Dunhill AD2000, worth £105, the world's first interchangeable, capless rollerball/ballpoint pen. Streamlined and made from silver-plated black resin, it has perfect writing balance. Entries should be sent to: Jumbo Crossword 134, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN to arrive by Monday November 10. The name of the winner will be ALFRED DUNHILL published in Weekend on Saturday, November 15. LONDON



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ACROSS

Novel way to quote Gray in solitude (3.4.3.7.5)

12 Hungry hunter tucked into some sausages (4) 16 Trap enemy in order to get

omething given back (9) 17 Lays rich spread before son, a future monarch? (9)

18 One state very shortly joining another — briefly (7)

19 Produces confusion as the French put on clothes (7)

20 Fly, powerless, from New Delhi gang (4-5)

21 Popular star's high point as an original performer (9)

22 Opera not quite part of the standard repertoire (5)

24 One can give people a lift in a gondola (3-3.7)

26 Times taken by chap repeatedly, an islander (7)

27 Can a plum duff start to augment natural growth? (9)

28 Sue the newspapers (5) 30 Guidance for the identification of quartet playing (10)

33 Points to it twice for a stopid person (6) 34 Change round way to get over

fence for dreadful horseman (10) 36 Healthy food for literary

choolboy - wayward Eric? (5.4) 38 Brilliant, yet left university without securing one's first (8)

39 Form a unit to become part of army (4,2)

40 Plant producing types of beer and wine (6-5)

42 Boys' gear mariner's taken to parts of deck (6-5)
44 Work succeeded, breaking writer's block (6)

45 Refuse half-heartedly at one assembly for scholars (8)

48 Directly demonstrating it's out of order (9)

49 Youngster begins list of books cleric left out of chapter (5.5)

50. Running problem a streaker can manage without (6)
52. Unfortunate English farmer can produce sterile animal (10)
53. Old hat taken out (5)
55. Validate dates out (5)

55 Vehicle driven in parts of Guiana and another country (9)

57 Some personnel PM axed on

returning for instance (7)
58 Young Silas has caught one captain needing certifying! (6,7)

60 Sharp and sweet? Not I (5)
61 Result of brims keeping back
nothing That's right (9)
63 Printer's paeasure to transfer

worker, by the way (2,7)
65 Show-girlafter the negatives? (7)

67 Circular eventually coming to the point? (7) 🚶 68 A lot goes wrong after piece broken off a panger (9)

Naciality and the

69 Illiterate inquiry concerning author of fictional type? (9) 70 Even Israelite characters produce such wit (4)

71 Story of black mating white? Great play! (7.3.4.2.6)

DOWN

l Predictable result of warning left

on councils to reform (8,10)

One pawn trapped by rook and queen more likely to fall (5)
 North American force Catholic

politician initialised (5,8,7,6) Pipe cheers a crackpot in quiet

surroundings (10)
5 Grim-looking battleaxe confronted (7-5)

6 Prepared to keep dry wine (5)

7 Aircraft the Spanish major and I

clear to go up (9)
8 Gradually introduce US version that's remaining popular? (7)

9 Classic work unusually long-loved, no volume to fade? (6,5)

10 Traditionally red, with shade of

blue, apart from the top (7) 11 Made in mill, perhaps, with small **битласе (5)**

13 Displays humanoid in fair – respecting the rules, too (13) 14 Remove royal from seat on hunter

running amok (8)

15 Advice to avoid complaints from non-priest I've upset more than priest (10.2,6.4.4)

23 Scot's rashly using part of programs, tampering (7) 25 Incentive to incorporate Open University not carefully

26 Group of islands in sea amo

on computer (10)
29 French novelist and musician given the bird (9) 31 Fiddle or tuba to be played at

various speeds (6)
32 Political positions found everywhere (4,5,3,6)

35 Sleep where fratricide resided? (4.2.3) Uncertain judgement shown by

visitor I beat in game (10) 40 Spectator near seats given to march (9)

41 Do this and you'll find a second part around (6) 43 Test, for example, showing socialist work unfinished (13)

46 It's usually a toxin, as oppos dope (7)

47 Studying tug and it's part in studing ship (7-5)
49 Like top politicians, putting time into short TV production (11)

51 Be derisive about a hand

practising intimidation? (7,3) 54 Rush after paper offers cheap

holiday accommodation (9) 56 Strike in county for extra

protection for retired members (8) 58 Wonder how motorway run grabs new driver? (7)

Go out to bring in plane and look for remarkable performance (7) 62 Check around land's borders in

part of Africa (5) 64 A strike over nothing — mission impossible to defend, finally (5) 66 Works of art I hadn't put up (5)

No 1240

DOWN

1 Conqueror of Goliath (5)

Autopilot Famous Five girl

Motionless; radio crackie (6) 3 Motioniess, range (4) 4 Charles — US composer (4) 5 Sultan's chief minister (6)

6 A slander (7)

12 Chat, gossip (6)

1973 (7)

16 Hard work (6)

22 Notice; stain-(4)

17 Baby in cyric (6)

10 Capital of Greece (6)

14 - White, Nobel Prize Lit.

18 Sir - Aguecheek (T. Night)

20 Charm; name letters of (5)

ACROSS ! Edgar — impressionist painter (5)

7 A city, canoni other ty (7)

8 Break (law): treat with dis-9 Redeemer (7) 11 Gets entrenched (4,2)

13 Two Russian empresses; three wives of Henry VIII 15 Lover's card (9)

19 Southampton FC nickname (6) 21 Aesthetic genre (3,4) 23 Not yet arrested (2.5)

24 More frightening (7)

25 Wiping cloth (5) SOLUTION TO NO 1239

ACROSS: I Headmaster 8 Bloomer 9 Llama 10 Glen 11 Migraine 13 Rascal 15 Snatch 17 Terrible 18 Hand 21 Exert 22 Trilogy 23 Nonchalant DOWN: 2 Erode 3 Dame 4 Afraid 5 Tolerant 6 Realist 7 Name the day 8 Big Brother 12 Pakistan 14 Surgeon 16 Clutch 19 Acorn 20 Fill

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